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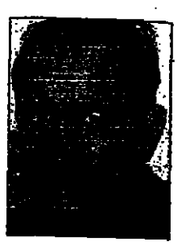

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'Don't interfere' message on Maastricht

Speaker warns the courts on powers

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major was yesterday given an unexpected boost on the eve of today's critical final vote on the Maastricht treaty as the Commons Speaker warned the courts against infringing the rights of Parliament when they dealt with the legal challenge to ratification.

Betty Boothroyd delighted Conservative loyalists when she told MPs that she took "with great seriousness" any questioning in the courts of proceedings in the Commons.

Her statement, which may help the government in the case being brought in the High Court on Monday by Lord Rees-Mogg, has also underlined that today's proceedings in the Commons are the last serious obstacle to Britain's ratification of the treaty. A senior Tory said of Miss Boothroyd's statement: "The message is — don't interfere."

With the government in need of support from the minority parties to avoid defeat, the prime minister gave the first hint last night that an attempt to hatch a deal with the nine Ulster Unionists might be made today.

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Saving Commons from its ministers

TONY BENN

Parliament must reassert supremacy

Downing Street chose the eve of the debate to release a letter from Mr Major to Kevin McNamara, Labour's Northern Ireland spokesman, in which he emphasised that all Ulster parties would be involved in talks on a successor to the Anglo-Irish agreement. He said that any subsequent deal "should provide the opportunity for an unambiguous acknowledgement by all concerned of Northern Ireland's status within the United Kingdom".

Ulster Unionist leaders said yesterday that, in the absence of any firm offers from the government, they would join the Euro-sceptics in the division lobbies tonight. They also said, however, that a government pledge to press on with talks about a successor to the agreement would be welcomed. A senior Unionist said last night that Mr Major's letter "was making the right noises", but the party appeared to be split on whether to attempt a deal.

There is no certainty that a deal with the Unionists would save the government, but it would mean a margin of only one or two for the most important vote of Mr Major's leadership.

Euro-sceptic leaders expressed confidence last night that they would be able to field 15 rebels, and ten abstainers this evening. If their predictions are even close to being correct, the government is heading for a reverse.

There were signs yesterday, however, of some wavering among the diehard opponents. John Carlisle, MP for Luton North, who has consistently voted against Maastricht, took ministers by surprise by declaring his support for the government. He said in a television interview: "I think the rebellion is now beginning to fall away as people see the reality of the basis that really it is a somewhat futile exercise."

Last night the government was far from conceding defeat, and the mood at Westminster was one of feverish excitement. Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, who is recovering from a heart attack, is expected to turn up for the vote. Downing Street also hopes that John Patten, the environment secretary, who is undergoing hospital tests for a viral illness, will be able to attend. The vote is seen as so vital that Bob Parry, a Labour MP, will travel from Liverpool to London to vote, a day after being discharged from hospital where he had a quadruple heart bypass operation.

Mr Major will seek cabinet ministers' support this morning for his alternative courses of action in the event of a defeat tonight. He is then expected to urge his ministers to embark on a final crusade to win over the doubters. Mr Major will keep up the pressure on the would-be rebels with a fighting speech to open this afternoon's debate, and he will maintain his offensive at what is certain to be one of the most tense meetings ever held by the 1922 Committee.

If he succeeds, the prime minister will have scored a triumph after a year of troubles over Maastricht. If he fails, he will have to decide whether to ignore a Commons vote calling for acceptance of the social chapter, or to deal with a situation in which the treaty is in limbo because MPs have not backed the resolution that was required by the Maastricht Act.

A refusal to implement a vote in favour of the social chapter would lead to a censure motion from Labour. It emerged last night that such a motion could be debated as early as tomorrow.

Miss Boothroyd's statement was made in response to a submission from Tony Benn, a leading Labour Euro-sceptic who is also a veteran champion of the rights of MPs. Her remarks were seen as an important warning shot to the courts. MPs have grown increasingly concerned about their practice of assessing words spoken in the Commons when interpreting statutes.

Miss Boothroyd said there had been no amendment of the Bill of Rights, which placed a statutory prohibition on the questioning of proceedings. The House was entitled to expect that when the case began on Monday "that the Bill of Rights will be required to be fully respected by all those appearing before the court".

Mr Benn said he hoped the judges involved would understand the gravity of Miss Boothroyd's statement. He hoped they would now drop the case "since to proceed after what you have said could possibly constitute a breach of privilege".

He said: "Lord Rees-Mogg has telephoned me saying he is not going for the House of Commons but for the Royal Prerogative. But the Royal Prerogative is conditioned by statute. This is a blockbuster and a very historic statement."

Lord Rees-Mogg explained last night why his court action would continue: "The case is essentially a case designed to protect Parliament." He told the BBC *Six O'Clock News*: "What is happening is that the government is purporting to ratify the treaty without having consulted Parliament on essential matters. We are concerned that the treaty should not be ratified unless and until Parliament has approved it."

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Homeward bound: Karyn Smith being escorted to a police station for immigration formalities yesterday

Freed British women drug couriers fly home

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

KARYN SMITH, 21, and Patricia Cahill, 20, hugged the British consul but pointedly ignored each other yesterday as they were freed on a royal pardon from a Thai jail. They later caught a British Airways flight home after serving three years of long prison sentences for trying to carry 26kg (57lb) of heroin out of Thailand.

Cahill, who said she was feeling "great" at the surprise release, managed a flash of humour through the gate of Lat Yao women's correction institute when asked how it felt to be out of jail. "I'm not out there yet," she said.

Smith, who said her release was "a shock, a very big shock," had a kind word for John Major, who had raised the question of their freedom with Chuan Leekpai, the Thai prime minister, in February. "I'm a very grateful to the prime minister," she said.

Smith's parents arrived by air in Bangkok just an hour after their daughter flew home, having apparently believed that it would take at least two days for release formalities to be completed.

The royal pardon followed a petition to King Bhumibol by the British embassy, a Thai government spokesman said. It was based on humanitarian grounds — Cahill was 17 and Smith 19 when they were arrested — and good relations between Thailand and Britain, the spokesman said.

Both women were held by Thai women warders, apparently more to protect them from jostling cameramen than to restrict their new freedom. Their release, at 6.30 pm local time, was delayed when the official bringing the pardon signed by the king was delayed in a traffic jam en route to the prison.

Just before they met Jean Sharp, the British consul, the words of the pardon were read out to the women in their cells by Mrs Urai Chirachitti, the prison governor. The prison is surrounded by flower gardens, but conditions are said to be overcrowded, with 125 women to a dormitory, and

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Cahill: declined to pose with her fellow prisoner

High St cheer for Clarke

THE British economic recovery continued to deliver pleasant surprises yesterday with a healthy jump in High Street sales last month and an impressive export performance with countries outside Europe (Janet Bush writes).

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, hailed the figures as excellent and said that a broadly based recovery was now under way. "Provided we can maintain the good performance on inflation and labour costs, there is every reason to look forward to a sustained recovery," he said.

The Central Statistical Office reported a 1.3 per cent jump in retail sales in June, more than double the City expectation. Meanwhile, Britain's trade deficit with non-EC countries fell for the fourth successive month, to £613 million from £770 million. There were record exports as manufacturers took full advantage of sterling's devaluation.

The pound leapt against the mark and the dollar, as dealers reacted warmly to the figures, but City economists were more cautious, noting that summer sales have been brought forward because consumer demand is so patchy.

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Estuary airport comes into the reckoning

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

A £4 BILLION new airport in the Thames estuary is one of a range of options to be presented to the government today as a way of solving the shortage of runway capacity in south-east England.

After deliberating for two years, an independent committee has been unable to reach a conclusion or to make any specific recommendations about where the new runway should be built. They claim, however, that the new privately funded project north of Sheerness is one which could be considered, together with a new runway at Heathrow, Gatwick or Stansted, or the further expansion of Luton.

The proposals, which will be considered by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, are certain to cause howls of outrage from environmental groups in the areas of each site mentioned in the report, and will present the government with one of its most complex and potentially divisive problems.

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Gay killing: man charged

BY NICHOLAS WATT

A MAN being questioned by police investigating the killings of five homosexual men in London was last night charged with the murder of Andrew Collier, a care assistant who was killed last month.

Colin Ireland, 39, who is unemployed and of no fixed address, was remanded in custody at Islington police station last night. He is due to appear before Horseferry Road magistrates this morning.

Mr Ireland, who is also known as Colin Williams, was charged with murdering Mr Collier, a 33-year-old homosexual, between June 6 and 10 this year at his flat in Hackney, northeast London.

Detectives are still investigating the deaths of four other homosexuals in London between March and June this year. The first victim was Peter Walker, a 45-year-old theatre director. In March his body was found strangled and trussed up on his bed in his flat in Battersea, southwest London. After his death a man claiming to be his killer contacted a national newspaper.

The second victim was Christopher Dunn, a 37-year-old librarian who was found by a friend. He had been strangled and was lying naked on his bed at his home in Wealdstone, north London, on May 30.

The third victim was Perry Bradley, 35, an American who died at June 4 at his home in Kensington, west London. He had been strangled with a rope or belt and his body was also found naked. Mr Bradley was a businessman in London and was not openly homosexual.

The fifth victim was Emmanuel Spiteri, who was found on July 15 at his flat in Catford, southeast London. He was naked and the killer tried to cover his steps by setting fire to Spiteri's bed.

Police will be given help to hunt the saboteurs

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

POLICE officers are to be given tough new powers to deal with hunt saboteurs and protesters at sporting events as part of this autumn's criminal justice reforms.

In a contentious change in the justice system, Michael Howard, the home secretary, is preparing to introduce criminal sanctions against protesters who trespass on private land.

The police have complained to ministers at the lack of powers to move or arrest demonstrators unless they are caught damaging property or attacking participants at hunts and other sporting events. Even when the protesters merely stand silently, their ability to disrupt or halt such events often leads to violence.

Last season there were a spate of court cases in which hunt officials and followers charged with attacking saboteurs cited extreme provocation for their actions. This week, the Cambridgeshire Hunt in John Major's Huntingdon constituency voted to carry on its 200-year-old hunt despite the death of a teenage protester at a meet in April. He was crushed under a horsebox at a demonstration.

The new laws, to be contained in a criminal justice bill — the centrepiece of the Queen's Speech in November — mark out a key policy difference with Labour by favouring the owners of private property over civil rights. Under the bill, the police and landowners would gain extra powers to evict New Age travellers and squatters. It would also toughen the penalties for pitch invasions at football and cricket matches, as recommended by Lord Taylor's enquiry into the Hillsborough stadium disaster.

As an extension of those laws, Home Office ministers have drawn up the new penalties for hunt saboteurs and protesters who disrupt field sports. The reforms are part of Mr Howard's determination, supported by the prime minister, to woo back Conservative voters who complain that the justice system has become weighted too heavily in favour of civil liberties and away from landowners.

Howard: saboteurs to be dealt with firmly

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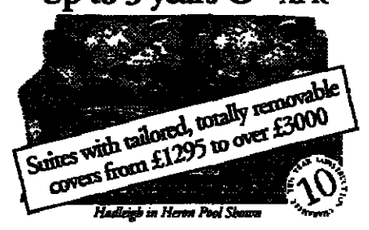

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Major makes 'right noises' to convince Unionists

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major guaranteed Ulster Unionist MPs a say in negotiating the successor to the Anglo-Irish agreement in a final effort last night to win support for the government in tonight's crucial social chapter vote.

With the nine Unionist votes playing a key role in the outcome, Downing Street released a letter from Mr Major to Kevin McNamara, the shadow Northern Ireland secretary, rebuking him for his proposals on shared sovereignty in the province.

His remarks implicitly underlined the warning given last weekend by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, that the Unionists were better off with his government than with a Labour administration.

The Unionist MPs remain divided over what it would take to persuade them to back the government, but conceded that Mr Major was making "the right noises".

The prime minister wrote: "As to your point about the Anglo-Irish agreement, it has been our consistent policy that any different agreement, or more broadly based structure, would have to result from discussions with all the parties concerned.

"The point made by Patrick Mayhew was that a successor to the Anglo-Irish agreement — if one were generally agreed — should provide the opportunity for an unambiguous acknowledgement by all concerned of Northern Ireland's status within the United Kingdom."

The Unionists meet this morning to decide tactics in the debate. Sir Patrick is due to discuss the sharp rise in tensions within the loyalist community in recent months with two Unionist MPs, David Trimble and Ken Maginnis, this afternoon. Northern Ireland ministers insist that they would not sanction any formal deal with the MPs which prejudiced the prospect of a long-term solution.

Mr Major's reassuring words look more likely to persuade at least some of the nine to abstain in the social chapter votes.

Martin Smyth, MP for Belfast South, said: "I welcome that there is no change in the stated opinion of the prime minister. He is making the right noises and we will decide what to do tomorrow."

A key factor with the Unionists is the likely reaction of their voters if the MPs placed the fate of the Maastricht treaty above the security of the province.

Lord Holme of Cheltenham, the Liberal Democrats' Northern Ireland spokesman, warned the government not to take risks with the future of the talks. "The situation in Northern Ireland is at a serious stage and a great deal hinges upon the resumption of talks. The government's reputation as an honest broker has been put fatally at risk by their overtures to the Unionists."

At Westminster, long-serving MPs recall the influence of the Unionist MPs on the dying days of the Callaghan government in 1979. James Callaghan was eventually defeated on March 28 when eight Unionists sided with the Conservatives, two backed the government and, critically, two independent Irish MPs abstained.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Defender of the rights: Tony Benn outside the Palace of Westminster, where the Maastricht controversy will be settled tonight. Mr Benn complained to the Speaker yesterday that judges were wrong to allow Lord Rees-Mogg to challenge the legality of the Maastricht treaty in the High Court. Speaker's warning, page 1

How MPs could walk through the lobbies into a Maastricht maze

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

■ The possible outcomes of tonight's votes on the social chapter include limbo and a motion of censure on the government

WHEN they emerge from the division lobbies at about 10.30 tonight, many MPs will be wondering just what they have done.

Rarely has the run-up to two Commons votes been clouded in such uncertainty.

The debate is taking place because in April the government decided that, rather than face certain defeat, it should accept a Labour amendment stating that the Maastricht bill should come into force only after both Houses of Parliament had "come to a resolution" on the question of the social chapter.

The time for a decision on that resolution has arrived. Without a resolution — any resolution — the government is in limbo, even though the Maastricht bill is now law. The resolution must pass before the act can come into force. The government has tabled a motion merely "noting" its policy on the social chapter. Its passage would be harmless.

But Labour has tabled a dangerous amendment that will be voted on first at 10pm. This says that the government should not ratify until it has notified the European Community that it intends to adopt the social chapter.

If this amendment is passed it becomes the main motion, to be voted on at about 10.15pm. If the main motion is passed, John Major is faced with a Commons decision backing the social chapter. But everything he has said suggests he will ratify the treaty he negotiated — ie, without the social chapter. Can those two positions be married? Just about — but with difficulty.

If things go badly for Mr Major tonight, he will either be faced with a motion backing the social chapter, or no motion at all. The former position allows him to ratify; the latter, technically, does not.

Here are the possible outcomes of tonight's voting:

☐ A: A Major victory, allowing him to ratify the moment the Rees-Mogg legal action has ended in the government's favour. After a week of heavy pressure on the rebels, Mr Major brings back enough Euro-sceptics into the fold to see off the Labour amendment and to pass his own bland motion. He may have needed help from the Ulster Unionists, who will now demand their due, but he is home and dry subject to the court case.

☐ B: Limbo. The Labour amendment is defeated. But when the main motion is put to the vote, Euro-sceptics who could not bring themselves to vote for a Labour amendment now vote with Labour and the Liberal Democrats against the government. No resolution has been reached. Mr Major has his Maastricht act but he cannot bring it into force and ratify. Either next week or in the autumn he must return to the Commons for a second try.

☐ C: Limbo again. The Labour amendment is carried with the help of the Euro-sceptics. It becomes the main motion. For 15 minutes the social chapter has the support of the House of Commons. The sceptics, having their cake and eating it, vote down the main motion with the help of the government side. No resolution has been reached.

☐ D: Commons votes for social chapter. The Labour amendment is carried. Mr Major, preferring a motion backing the social chapter to none at all, allows Tory MPs to abstain on the main motion. It goes through. Labour demands an immediate statement on the government's intentions. Anything less than a commitment to implement the decision brings a censure motion, possibly tomorrow.

☐ E: Commons votes for social chapter. To implement the decision Mr Major promises talks with EC partners about reversing Britain's social chapter opt-out, and a bill or white paper in the autumn. Although he will not say so, he knows that when the time comes the government will encourage its own side to vote down its own bill. In the meantime he will ratify the treaty he negotiated. The sting will have been removed from any future censure motion. An escape, if a messy one.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Doleful delivery of EC gobbledegook

Parkinson's law is famous. Less so is the great man's theory that, to know whether an institution is doomed, it is not necessary to scrutinise its small external signs give the game away. The use of marble, for instance, in an institution's lobby, signals that it is approaching collapse.

I applied the Parkinsonian diagnosis to the EC's prospects some months ago. Spotting a Brussels ruling that any geographical term could be used to denote Macedonia as long as it did not include the word "Macedonia", I argued that you do not, beyond this, need to examine in any detail the EC's framework for building a common foreign policy.

As Maastricht is debated today, it is sad that Parkinson is no longer with us. Not that he would have read the treaty; he would never even have opened it. Nor would he have attended the debate. Parkinson would have been happy to stay in bed, reading the slim *Hansard* report of the Commons standing committee on statutory instruments last week, as a junior industry minister outlined the Post Office (Abolition of Import Restrictions) Regulations 1993.

Those who follow this column know I almost never ask you to read long chunks of bureaucratic guff. Please accept that there is reason, now, for pausing in your busy day, and reading carefully and right through the passage which follows ...

Mr McLoughlin: *The statutory instrument amends section 63(5) of the Post Office Act 1953 by removing the restriction on the import of fictitious stamps and the material means for making them into the United Kingdom from other member states of the EC. Let me stress that it is a technical amendment designed to bring our legislation into compliance with our obligations under article 30 of the Treaty of Rome. It will remain a criminal offence, under section 63(1) of the 1953 Act, for any person to possess or sell a fictitious stamp or to possess the material means for making such stamps anywhere in the UK. It will also still be illegal for any person to be in possession of these things on entering the country.*

To summarise: it is no longer a crime to bring fictitious postage stamps, or the means for making them, into Britain from the EC. However, it is a crime to possess them while here, and a crime to be in possession of them on arrival. Questioned by Tony Benn, McLoughlin admitted that bringing these items from (for instance) Indonesia, Nigeria, Costa Rica or Haiti, remained illegal. Only from the EC were we permitted to import them, but banned from arriving with them, having them, or using them.

Poor McLoughlin plaintively told the committee that this was his first appearance at a standing committee as a trade and industry minister. He was given a pretty hard time by Tony Benn and others. Yet it was plainly no fault of his that fate had landed him with this order, and an argument drafted by civil servants.

A view exists that in justice we ought to examine that argument; that we should ask what lies behind it. Perhaps there is a way of making sense of the document? Perhaps we should try?

I disagree. The measure itself is immaterial. It is interesting only as proof that even a short immersion in EC affairs causes ministers to talk gobbledegook with a straight face. The same is true of immersion in things like psychoanalysis, the Jehovah's Witnesses, or morris dancing. Do not ask what it is: just look at what it does to them.

Unit defends chapter

BY PHILIP BASSETT
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BRITAIN needs the European social chapter more than most EC countries, the Low Pay Unit pressure group says today, arguing that with only one-sixth of the European Community's population, Britain now has a quarter of its poor.

In a report sent to MPs in advance of the crucial Commons vote tonight on the social chapter, the unit, an independent body which lobbies against low wages, says that current employment and social conditions in the UK mean that Britain needs the provisions of the social chapter more, not less, than other EC member states. The government wants to maintain its Maastricht opt-out from the social chapter's provisions.

Using government figures, the unit says that 13.5 million people are now living in poverty in Britain. Under the EC's definition of poverty, there are some 50 million poor throughout the EC's 12 member states.

Councils back police fight on pay reform

Local authority leaders yesterday joined senior police officers in opposition to proposals to shake up Britain's 43 forces. The Association of County Councils said there was no evidence that introducing performance-relating pay and fixed-term contracts for officers would help police in their fight against crime.

Tony Blair, shadow home secretary, also told a conference in London organised by the ACC and Association of Metropolitan Authorities that he believed the government intended full-scale force mergers without any evidence that bigger meant better policing. Representatives of Britain's chief constables are expected to condemn many of Sir Patrick Sheehy's recommendations on pay today.

Judge criticised again

The judge who said that an eight-year-old girl sex victim was "no angel" was criticised again yesterday. John Denham, Labour MP for Southampton Itchen, said he was extremely shocked that Judge Starforth Hill, 71, had overruled police objections and given bail to an alleged rapist, Adrian Farrer, 28, of Southampton, who then fled to Ireland.

BBC editing challenged

Bernadette McAliskey, left, chairman of the Independent Socialist party of Ireland and a former Westminster MP, won her appeal yesterday against the High Court's refusal to allow her to challenge the BBC over its editing out of her voice from a debate on political violence. The broadcaster and author was granted leave by the Court of Appeal to bring judicial review proceedings.

McVicar son escapes

The son of John McVicar, the former armed robber, escaped yesterday from St George's Hospital, Tooting, southwest London, where he was being treated after fleeing police officers three weeks ago on the way to court. Russell Grant, 28, who has a leg and arm in plaster, ordered a driver at knifepoint to take him to nearby Earlsfield station.

Elstree fades out

Film production at Elstree studios, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, once regarded as Britain's answer to Hollywood, is to cease. The present owner, Brent Walker, who acquired the site from the Cannon group in 1988, said there was little demand for the studio facilities and it had been unable to find a new buyer.

Police share pools win

Four City of London police officers who helped to deal with the Bishopsgate bomb yesterday shared part of a £2 million pools pay-out. Inspector Jan Hatt, 45, said that he would rather have been dealing with a bomb than checking the syndicate's entry form. The four officers and 21 office staff won £47,300 each from a total of £1,182,530.10.

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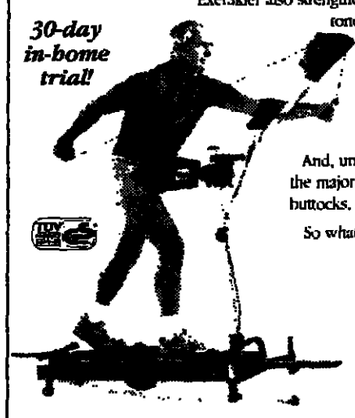

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Cut-price air ticket firm collapses

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THOUSANDS of families could be stranded at airports without tickets for their summer holiday after the collapse last night of a cut-price air travel firm.

Global Link has been declared bankrupt three months after reporting a turnover of £27 million. The official receiver was called in yesterday to investigate its debts. The firm was not ABTA-bonded and an ABTA spokeswoman said it would be difficult for anyone who had already paid to get a refund.

The owners of the Bristol-based firm petitioned to have their partnership declared bankrupt on July 20 at Bristol Crown Court.

Roger Wood, of Avon Trading Standards, said: "Some people may only find out they are affected when their tickets fail to arrive or when they reach the airport."

Arts Council told to tighten belt again

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE government ordered the Arts Council to carry out yet another review of its activities yesterday, leaving the arts funding system in a continuing state of uncertainty.

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, responded to the £60,000 review of the Arts Council carried out by the consultants Price Waterhouse, by demanding more accountability, fewer members of the council and a cut in administration costs. The arts world was left angry, however, by his request for further internal analysis in the fifth year of change and reviews.

Simon Mundy, director of the National Campaign for the Arts, called the move "another attempt to plaster cracks". "This means that the Arts Council will get involved in yet another round of navel-gazing precisely as the arts are disappearing down the drainpipe, threatened by the government's £5 million cut in the Arts Council budget," he said.

Ann Clwyd, Labour's heritage spokesman, called Mr Brooke's proposal "paralysis by analysis".

Mr Brooke stressed in a Commons statement yesterday that the new internal review would be completed swiftly. In a letter to Lord Palumbo, the Arts Council chairman, Mr Brookes made it clear that the review should "focus attention on providing services for which there is a real demand". The council has been heavily criticised for its increased support for contemporary dance at the expense of regional theatre, which achieves far higher audiences.

Mr Brooke will not directly implement any of the options suggested by the review, but asked the council to work out how a 10 per cent cut in administrative costs, about £700,000, could be borne.

Tories attack Clarke's policies

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke came under attack from Tory MPs over his economic policy last night as he announced that the first unified tax and spending Budget would be held on November 30.

As the Chancellor left the door open for indirect tax rises in the Budget, right-wing MPs warned him that he might not get sufficient backbench support to get this through the Commons. Tory MPs on the Commons Treasury and Civil Service select committee also criticised Mr Clarke for failing to reduce the overall total for public spending next year in his attempt to speed up the reduction in public-sector borrowing. The Chancellor was also sharply interrogated by Euro-sceptic MPs over his support for the Maastricht treaty and the exchange-rate mechanism.

Appearing before the committee for the first time since he became Chancellor, Mr Clarke gave another hint that he was considering increasing or widening the scope of VAT. Last week he suggested in Christchurch that he was considering widening the VAT base this year. Yesterday he gave his firm backing to Norman Lamont's decision to impose VAT on domestic fuel. Making it clear he had made no decisions yet, he pointed to areas where it could be extended without penalising the poor, such as private health and education.

CORRECTION

Mr Winston Churchill's speech on immigration (report, July 20) was made to the Westminster branch of the Association of Jewish ex-Servicemen and Women.

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Bidders sought for Thai prison story

Former friends fly home to controversy and media auction

By Lin Jenkins

THE two British women freed by the Thai king from long jail terms for heroin smuggling will return to fresh controversy over their release and a flurry of personal marketing.

Supporters of Karyn Smith are furious that John Major's intervention on their behalf implies the Thai authorities acted properly. A Conservative MP has said the prime minister was "misguided" in appealing for the release of Miss Smith, 22, and Patricia Cahill, 20.

Despite the outcry, the emotional scenes when Miss Smith finally collapses in the arms of her family are certain to be recorded for maximum financial gain. The same will be true for Miss Cahill. But the once close friends will avoid ever being photographed together as they each try to sell a tale which shifts the blame to the other.

Bids have been invited for newspaper interviews, books, mini series for TV and full-blown feature films. Both have kept a diary of sorts of their time in the "Bangkok Hilton".

Mark Lennox-Boyd, Foreign Office minister, yesterday reiterated Mr Major's view that there was no evidence to support the contention that the two women had been set up by the Thai authorities.

"The government's intervention and John Major's letter to the Thai prime minister was entirely on humanitarian grounds," he said.

Stephen Jakobi, solicitor for Miss Smith, said it was impossible that the girls could have been carrying the 60lb haul they were accused of. He believes huge amounts were planted by drug enforcement officers.

He said the only explanation for remarks made by Mr Lennox-Boyd was that "the FO had done a deal that they would be let out provided the Foreign Office said that everything was in order". "But right now I am concerned about Karyn's innocence being recognised by her own community when she gets home."

Terry Dicks, Conservative MP for Hayes and Harlington, said Mr Major should not have acted until the women had served at least 10 years of their 25-year and 18-year, nine-month sentences. "These women are drug carriers and they should be treated as such. I hope they are not treated as two young heroines when they come back to Britain."

He said people could be led to believe they could smuggle drugs and think that the government would intervene on their behalf.

The two women were arrested at Bangkok's Don Muang airport in July 1990. They claimed they had been invited to travel to Thailand and Gambia by a man they met in a Birmingham nightclub, who later pulled out of the trip. British Customs tipped off Thai officials.

West Midlands police are to interview the pair when they return, although Customs say they have no plans to do so. The two had been due to appear on charges of theft of three recording machines from an office supplier when they went on the trip.

Mark McCormack's International Marketing Group, which is handling the sale of Miss Smith's story on behalf of her family and Mr Jakobi, had by yesterday only commissioned a journalist to write the story of her ordeal, but had not yet found a publisher.

The Sun claimed that IMG had offered the exclusive story of her three years in prison for a sum "certainly somewhere close to six figures".

Jean Sewell, who is handling the Smith account, said yesterday that no deals had been finalised, but that they were open to offers. She said that IMG was looking at ways to "maximise the financial potential" of Miss Smith's ordeal in order to recuperate much of the money which has been spent on legal fees and the campaign to get her freed.

Mr Jakobi, who estimated that the campaign had cost him £10,000, said his client would tell how she was an innocent party who placed total trust in her friend.

Caters news agency is acting on behalf of the Cahill family, who had felt that the campaign being conducted by Miss Smith's supporters was harming their daughter's chance of release.

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Freed drug couriers celebrate

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some sleeping on mattresses on the floor.

The only jarring note came when photographers asked the two to pose together. Ignoring each other, they pointedly declined. They stood with warders and British consular officials between them. The incident seemed to confirm that the women, who were arrested on July 18, 1990, as they were about to fly to The Gambia via Amsterdam, were not on speaking terms.

Accompanied by Ms Sharp, Smith and Cahill were driven from the prison, to Thai immigration offices.

Smith had been sentenced to 25 years, and Cahill to 18 years and 9 months after heroin was found in special containers, bottles and tins, in their luggage. Stephen Jakobi, Smith's lawyer, has claimed that the huge amount of the drug involved could not possible have been contained in these receptacles.

There was a poignant moment shortly before they appeared when some other prisoners, including Nigerian women, were driven in a prison wagon to the gates. "It's hard here," one black woman said to a reporter.

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No comfort for jailed Britons

THE 2,500 British people languishing in foreign jails take little comfort from the support they are entitled to from their native land (Lin Jenkins writes).

The American government provides its prisoners abroad with medicines and other necessities, and the Germans pay social security. British guidelines recommend an annual visit from the consul.

The Foreign Office is reviewing its treatment of overseas prisoners but the pressure group Fair Trials Abroad believes that it will continue to shy away from involvement and drag it feet in repatriating prisoners to serve sentences here.

Of those in jail abroad, 2,396 were arrested last year. Of the 1,941 arrested last year in Europe, 802 were in Spain, where 29 per cent faced drug charges, 223 in Greece (15 per cent on drug charges) and 194 in France (63 per cent on drug charges). For the rest of the world the total number of British prisoners was 455.

In many European, Canadian and United States cases, convicted prisoners can serve their sentences at home. Britain also has bilateral agreements with a few countries, including Thailand and Commonwealth countries.

Winter's head start: hot hats crowned two of the closing shows of the Paris haute couture autumn-winter week, which ended yesterday. Per Spook fielded brown suede pants and a wool jacket, left, while Karl Lagerfeld shortened Chanel's classic suit. Last rites, page 14

Car dealer killed woman, jury told

By A Staff Reporter

A TRAVEL agent was murdered by a car salesman who delivered her new car just ten days earlier, it was alleged at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Gillian Bennett, 33, was tied up, stabbed and set on fire while she was still alive, said Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution. He alleged that Winston Goulbourne had killed her after calling at her home in Streatham, south London last December.

In the ten days since Ms Bennett had bought a new Fiat Uno from the dealers in west London where he worked, Mr Goulbourne, 25, told workmates he found her attractive, falsely claimed that he had had sex with her and made excuses to call at her flat, Mr Sweeney claimed. He might have tampered with the car as an excuse to see her.

Mr Sweeney said that Ms Bennett was "not a flirty type at all. She was a warm, friendly and trusting person and not the sort to open her door in the early hours to a stranger." On the day of the killing, a neighbour heard "screams of terror which lasted for several seconds" just before 2am, but when they stopped she assumed that whatever had caused them was over and took no action.

Mr Sweeney said that Mr Goulbourne, who denies murder, was linked to the killing in several ways. He knew that Ms Bennett's flatmate would be away that weekend and their flat was near the route he regularly took between the Clapham and south Norwood homes of his two girl friends.

Blood of the victim's type was found on his jacket, and fibres from items in the bedroom were on his trousers and on a petrol can in his car.

The trial continues today.

Clunis case to be heard in private

By A Staff Reporter

THE enquiry into the case of Christopher Clunis, the schizophrenic who stabbed a man to death at a London station after being released into the community, is to be conducted in private, it was announced yesterday.

The investigation will be organised by the two health authorities who were responsible for Clunis's care — North East and South East Thames.

Jayne Zito, widow of Jonathan Zito, the murder victim, said she was disappointed that her request for a full public enquiry had not been granted.

Her solicitors, Jaques and Lewis, yesterday criticised the decision to limit the enquiry to the eight months from May 1992 when Clunis was freed from Belmarsh prison to his arrest in December following the murder.

Pet cemetery owner denies dog kidnap

By A Staff Reporter

THE owner of a pet cemetery demanded £65,000 from a wealthy pensioner after kidnapping her pet dachshund, a court was told yesterday.

Peter Walmsley, for the prosecution, told Birmingham Crown Court that Freda Cunningham took Tanya from a car while her owner Doreen Jinks, 74, was in church at Swarkestone one Sunday morning in July last year.

When Mrs Jinks returned to her car, she found a window forced open and her dog — complete with travelling box — gone. The next day, Mr Walmsley said, Mrs Cunningham told Mrs Jinks that she had received a telephone call from the kidnappers.

Mr Walmsley said that Mrs Jinks was told of the demand for money and agreed to pay up and not tell the police. "A few years ago, Mrs Cunningham's son bought a house from Mrs Jinks. Mrs Cunningham would have known that Mrs Jinks was good for £66,000 at least."

The dachshund was never seen again, he added. "The defendant runs a crematorium and was certainly in a position to dispose of the dog without trace."

Mrs Jinks told the court of her heartbreak when her pet was taken. "I was devoted to her. We were never separated, day or night, for 11 years. She was all I had when my husband died. Mrs Cunningham told me the people who had stolen my little dog had been in touch, asking her to meet them at a certain place. I did not like the idea of her going alone because they sounded like pretty desperate people."

Mrs Cunningham denies blackmail. The trial continues today.

TIM BISHOP

Morning calls: James Naughtie, Brian Redhead and John Humphrys yesterday

Naughtie will take over from Redhead as Today presenter

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

JAMES Naughtie is to join BBC Radio 4's news programme *Today* when Brian Redhead leaves the programme next March.

Mr Naughtie, 41, who presents Radio 4's *The World At One*, beat off strong competition that included the newscaster Anna Ford. A former political correspondent, he will join John Humphrys, Sue MacGregor and Peter Hobday in one of Britain's most influential team of journalists.

Six million people listen to the early-morning programme launched in 1957. It has politicians queuing for interviews in their pyjamas or out in the radio car six days a week from 6.30am.

Roger Mosey, editor of *Today*, said: "We believe that Humphrys and Naughtie will be one of the great teams in British broadcasting."

Mr Naughtie will bring to the programme a soft Aberdonian accent, which is easy on the ear and conveys a reassuring classlessness to non-Scots. There is nothing remote or pretentious about Jim, as he prefers to be known.

He is acutely aware that he will need to alter the hard-edged tone he had created on *The World at One* to the softer atmosphere of the *Today* programme. "It is very important at that time of day to make sure you are a welcome guest in people's homes. You have got to be a cheery presence, not in a cheeky or camp way, but in a sincere way," he said.

Although he comes over as a nice fellow and is liked by colleagues, his dust-up with Neil Kinnock during an interview on *The World at One* in 1989 shows he can needle.

Mr Naughtie interrupted the pre-recorded interview to tell listeners it had been suspended because Mr Kinnock "objected to the line of questioning". In fact, bootlegged copies of the tape recorded the Labour leader as complaining that he refused to be "kebabbed".

The son of a Banffshire schoolmaster, Mr Naughtie's delivery is so perfectly pitched at radio audiences that the BBC uses his style as an example on how to talk to people on air.

☐ Matthew Bannister, 36, head of news at Capital Radio before joining the BBC in 1988, has been appointed controller of Radio 1 in a move likely to introduce a sharper and more streetwise accent to the station's enduring "pop and prattle" image. He takes over from Johnny Beerling, who produced the first programme broadcast on Radio 1 in 1967 and who left the station last month.

Fear not, Bambi to the rescue

By Geoff Brown

BAMBI is back. The fawn with saucer eyes and spindly legs, who ventured forth from the forest with his friends in Walt Disney's 1942 classic, has returned to challenge the mighty tyrannosaurus rex in *Jurassic Park*.

You recall the company Bambi keeps: Thumper the rabbit, loud and cuddly, Flower the skunk, toe-curlingly coy, and twittering songbirds galore. They frolic, have adventures, run from bows and arrows, and discover the joys of being "twitterpated", which is Bambi-speak for being in love.

The Disney company has always pursued a policy of re-releasing its back catalogue of films at carefully timed intervals. Yet tomorrow's *Bambi* revival in cinemas across Britain is opportune.

Just when media greybeards have been counselling parents to keep tots away from the gory chomping of *Jurassic Park*, up pops Disney's cute little fellow to prove that sweetness and light are not completely extinct.

A few weeks ago, the omens looked bleak. Dinosaur mania was building fast in the run-up to Spielberg's spectacular. Even Babycham had dropped its Bambi-esque fawn from its bottles.

But Disney's deer and the film's cuddly qualities have staying power, and fit under your pillow.

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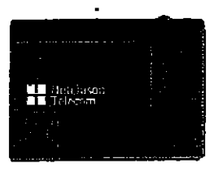
If you're ever in meetings that can't be interrupted, you need one of these.



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The second of a three-part Times series looks at Asian communities in a changing society

We're here to stay. It's time for trust

BARRY GREENWOOD

Flaunting it: the tycoon Shami Ahmed flanked by models wearing items from his Joe Bloggs range of clothing in front of his home at Bowden, Cheshire

THE NEW BRITONS

Stung by rejection, Asian voices want to be heard. **Tony Dawe** reports

Britain's Asian population of 1.5 million is becoming restless about its lack of political representation, which some moderate leaders fear could lead to violence.

With a Muslim majority and several hundred thousand Hindus and Sikhs, Asians are the largest ethnic group in the country. They know they are here to stay and believe they are contributing to the nation. Yet they still face racist abuse and job discrimination.

Most important of all, they lack representation in areas such as the police and the judiciary. Only two of Britain's 650 MPs are Asians, neither of them Muslims, there is one Sikh judge, Mota Singh, and there are a handful of Asian magistrates. Few Asians hold top jobs in industry, and none does so in the police.

Zaki Badawi, chairman of the UK Council of Mosques, says: "This lack of role models is creating a major crisis for the communities and can lead to extremists wielding undue influence." Mohammad Ovaisi, director of the Sudbury Muslim community centre in West London, agrees. "Radicals are taking over the field, especially in colleges, and making the job for those of us who preach peaceful coexistence very difficult."

Unlike the black communities, Asians react to developments in their countries of origin. The *Salman Rushdie affair allowed* extremist figures such as Kalim Siddiqui, leader of an unelected "Muslim Parliament", to claim widespread support. Similarly, the destruction of the mosque at Ayodhya in India by Hindu extremists provoked reprisals against Hindu temples in Britain.

But if those events have been divisive, the plight of Muslims in Bosnia and the neo-Nazi attacks on immigrants in Germany have encouraged British Muslims to forge a new sense of identity precisely when it seemed that the cohesiveness of the Asian community was fragmenting. "Racism is the one safeguard against the disintegration of Muslim tradition in this country," Dr Badawi says.

Eleanor Nesbitt, a Warwick University expert on Asian communities, has studied how the storming of the Golden Temple at Amritsar galvanised Sikh communities in Britain. "Sikh children refer to their parents becoming radically more religious," she says. "Fathers who shaved off their beards and cut their hair to fit in with British neighbours and work colleagues started to grow their hair again, and also reverted to strict vegetarianism. When I interviewed all the Sikh children in one primary school, and the first year of a Coventry secondary school, I found only one who did not speak Punjabi at home or attend supplementary classes to learn about their culture."

This strengthening of identity has come just when traditional loyalties seemed about to be overwhelmed. Contrary to popular belief, only a minority of Muslim teenagers and those in their early twenties attend a mosque. Educated in an open Western society, they have found the values of their parents and the imams suffocating. They mix more freely with youngsters from other castes and religions, and even with whites, and they adore Western films and Australian soaps.

Their approach is typified by Shami Ahmed, the self-made jeans tycoon from a Pakistani family. He chose the name Joe Bloggs for his company "because it's so British" and advertises his products with posters depicting young couples kissing. He surrounds himself with material wealth — cars, Rolexes, and expensive rings — and owns a mansion and a penthouse. His style is anathema to Asian parents, often struggling to shield their children from what they see as Western decadence.

But in Asian communities as elsewhere, today's rebels become tomorrow's conformists. On becoming parents, young Muslims want their own children brought up in the Muslim tradition, albeit a less restrictive version.

Religious leaders in Leicester talk sadly of Hindu youngsters eating hamburgers and drinking alcohol. But in her own research, Miss Nesbitt has found that Hindu children do not necessarily experience a conflict between the traditional and the modern.

In her study to be published in September, *Hindu Children in Britain*, co-written with Robert Jackson, she reports: "The children who were most proficient in a Western mode were also most skilled in its Indian counterpart. Those children who were most fluent in English were often the most proficient in Gujerati, Punjabi or Hindi. Those with skill in singing devotional Hindu songs or playing Indian instruments could play Western instruments in Western style with equal ease."

Asian communities, however, still resent what they see as their rejection by indigenous white Britons. "If we are contributing something to society, why are we treated with suspicion?" Abdul Wahhab, a Muslim scholar, asks.

Their plea is partly about structures. Muslims are baffled by the government's refusal of financial aid for Muslim schools when the state has long provided funding for Anglican, Catholic and Jewish schools. Most importantly, they demand a representative voice that will be heard in government. The creation of such a body has not been helped by the proliferation of 4,000 Muslim organisations in Britain, some of which are mutually antagonistic.

Dr Badawi is just one of many ethnic leaders who point to government's historic role in helping to launch the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Its creation was hailed as a milestone in community relations and Britain's Asians will settle for nothing less.

FACTS AND FIGURES

☐ **NUMBERS:** The 1,476,900 Asians from the Indian subcontinent form Britain's largest ethnic group. According to the 1991 census, 840,800 are Indians, 475,800 Pakistanis and 160,300 Bangladeshis — together, 2.7 per cent of the British population.

☐ **LOCATION:** The Asians are more widely settled in Britain than black groups but there are heavy concentrations in traditional manufacturing areas. The main groupings of Pakistanis are in West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands metropolitan county. Indians account for more than 5 per cent of the population of Greater London and the West Midlands metropolitan county. Bangladeshis are strongly concentrated in London, Birmingham and Greater Manchester.

☐ **ASIAN AREAS:** Indians make up 22.3 per cent of the population in Leicester, where ethnic groups as a whole total 77,100 or 28.5 per cent of the population. Indians account for one sixth of the population of the Brent local authority area, north London, 16 per cent in Ealing, west London, 11 per cent in Wolverhampton and 12 per cent in Slough. Banglasdeshis make up almost 22.9 per cent of the population in Tower Hamlets, east London, and 3.5 per cent in Camden, north London. Pakistanis make up 6.9 per cent of the population in Birmingham and 9.9 per cent in Bradford.

☐ **RELIGION:** Muslims are in the majority with three times as many followers as Hindus and Sikhs. Several smaller Asian religious communities also exist, including Buddhists and 25,000 Jains, mostly in north London.

☐ **PROJECTION:** The numbers of Pakistani and Bangladeshi residents will increase rapidly. Bangladeshi numbers doubled between 1981 and 1991 and Pakistanis increased by more than 200,000. School-age children account for almost a third of Pakistani and Bangladeshi populations.

Family chains begin to give

Richard Duce on young Asians seeking freedom within the demands of tradition

GENERATIONS

Uzma Bashir is representative of a slow but perceptible shift in the social outlook of the large Muslim community that has been synonymous with Bradford for the past 30 years.

She is a talkative 23-year-old, college educated, still unmarried and now running a business in the centre of the West Yorkshire city. "There is a growing independence among women," Uzma says. "Eight years ago, for a girl to be working would have been outrageous, but now almost everyone is sending their daughter out and saying 'What is the point of going to school if you can't work?'."

Such independence does not extend to disrupting family life or failing to respect elders — values which lie at the core of the Islamic code. Uzma would be happy to accept an arranged marriage. "Arranged marriages have changed, I hope to have one, but it is only an introduction."

Yet from a western viewpoint Uzma is one of a lucky minority. In the Manningham district of Bradford, where many of the city's 55,000 Muslims live, young girls frequently run away from home to avoid arranged marriages in Pakistan. There are 64 girls under police protection in Bradford after fleeing their families.

Much of Bradford's Muslim community arrived in the city from poor villages in Pakistan to work as cheap labour in the then thriving woollen industry. Caught in a curious time-warp, many have held fast to the customs prevalent in their villages three decades ago. Many first-generation Pakistani women still do not speak English.

But as second and third-generation Muslims have learnt the language of their new country and been exposed to Western values, a cultural identity gap has opened. It has not always been for the good. A recent BBC *Panorama* programme caused outrage in Bradford by portraying the Asian Muslim community as an "underclass in Purdah" where drug abuse and crime was rife.

Chief Supt Mark Rand of Bradford police says it was a "poorly put together programme", but one of his officers, responsible for community policing in Manningham, accepts that there is a problem. Sgt John Parkinson said: "There is most certainly an element of drug abuse and dealing but it is not restricted to Asians. They are involved, but so are many English people in the area. A lot of the problems we deal with are domestic problems as people change from an Asian culture to a more Westernised culture. Crime is mostly confined to young men. It is non-existent among young Asian women."

Uzma, who runs a private day nursery, is a second generation Anglo-Pakistani. Her father Bashir Ahmed came from Jhelum near Lahore in the late 1950s to work in the Bradford mills. Later, he and his wife Akhter set up a profitable textile business.

The eventual success of the Bashir family is mirrored by many other Pakistanis who have left Bradford's inner city for the more affluent suburbs. Uzma's elder brothers Amjad and Sohail started a restaurant chain after the sale of the textile business. Their four restaurants now have a turnover of about £1.5 million a year.

The family agrees that education and parental direction is a prerequisite of success for Muslims. But they also sense a growing frustration in the community and believe that Muslims should have a much stronger political voice in Britain. There are only seven Asian councillors on Bradford City Council, and there are no Muslim MPs.

Amjad said: "For the first 20 years, the Muslim community consolidated its position to better themselves with a view to returning home. Gradually, that view has disappeared. We are convinced that this is our home and we are going to stop."

TOMORROW

The Chinese: "We are but an island in a bitter sea"

Tomorrow's child: Uzma Bashir runs a day nursery

Carving a niche in white marble

Shared values: the Rev Michael Ipgrave visits the temple

By Tony Dawe

RELIGION

GLISTENING in the sun on Oxford Street, Leicester, an unglamorous inner-city relief road, the carved white marble front of a former Congregational chapel stands as a monument to one community's determination to make its mark in Britain.

The converted building serves as a temple for the Jain community, barely a thousand strong in Leicester. It is just the sort of ethnic group which could have lost its identity in one of Britain's most multi-cultural cities, especially as its creed is hard to uphold.

The Jains believe in reincarnation, non-materialism and non-violence and will try to avoid harming any living creature to the extent of refusing to eat their vegetarian food after dark for fear of devouring any unseen insect. Yet the Jains have survived, and established their ancient faith's only temple in the western world, with the support of the white community, including most notably the Anglican church.

The Rev Michael Ipgrave, chaplain to the Bishop of Leicester, became the temple's part-time administrator in its early days and still maintains close links with the Jains. "When the Jains approached us, we were happy to help because we share their values, including a commitment to non-violence and environmental concern," Mr Ipgrave said.

The achievement would have been impossible, however, without the foresight of Natubhai Shah, a general practitioner who wanted the Jain community to have its own place of worship. He set out to enthuse people with his dream. The greatest help came from Jains in India who financed the carving of the 52 pillars of Jaisalmer stone and the intricate dome which form a shrine on the temple's first floor.

"The Jain centre is not just for us but is our gift to the city," Dr Shah said. "Our own children see good institutions here and, if they have something comparable with which they can identify, it will put them on the same level and help them integrate."

The temple has created few tensions, for it is sited away from residential areas. Like most Asian leaders, however, Dr Shah wishes the government would pay his community more attention. His present complaint is that a plan by Jains in India to sponsor religious teachers to come to Britain for three years has received no reply from the Home Office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Indian children have never been part of the main cultural scene. We have always been pressurised into education, getting our exams and a profession

Sarita Choudhury, actress

Arranged marriages have a better chance of success than love marriages. If they hit a bad patch, there is family pressure and support to make it work

Imran Khan, former Pakistan cricket captain

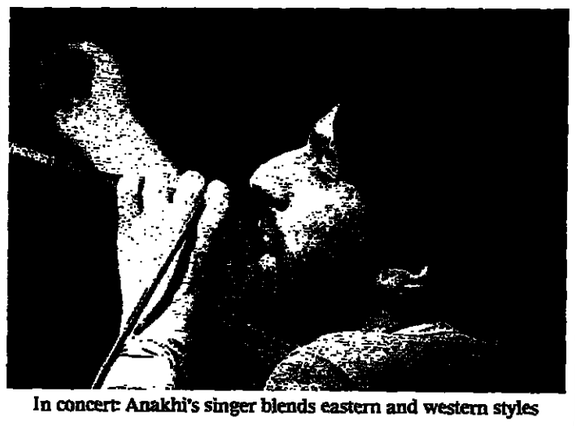
Once Asian women take an interest in anything, they are committed — and very dynamic

Baroness Flather of Windsor and Maidenhead

In the last five years, Asian youth has changed. They say to their parents: "If you don't want to be part of this, you shouldn't be over here"

Avtar Lit, chief executive of Sunrise Radio

Bhangra beat lures the fans



In concert: Anakhi's singer blends eastern and western styles

By Richard Duce

POP

BHANGRA, the distinctive pop music of Asian teenagers in Britain, is a mix of East and West. It is also an artificial fusing of musical traditions, a marketing concoction designed to prevent Asian youth losing touch with the language and sounds of the Indian subcontinent. It is very big business.

Some artists, such as Sasha, Bindu and the group XLNC, command a devoted, even fanatical, following that by contrast would make English rock and pop musicians feel positively unloved. If bhangra records were sold through established stores, many would become chart successes, but most bhangra fans buy through Asian retailers that are not part of the Gallup chart returns.

In the bhangra vanguard is the Multitone label, which recently sold a majority shareholding to the recording giant BMG. The music is a mixture of rhythms from the subcontinent, notably the Punjab, coupled to the more westernised sounds of the electric guitar and keyboard.

Jitesh Gohil, a director of Multitone, which is based in Uxbridge, said: "Multitone was set up in 1979 and we have been promoting British-Asian music since then. As the kids grew up, the music they wanted to listen to was not the same as the Asian subcontinent would listen to. Their cultural links with India have grown more distant and there was always the worry they would not want to listen to any Indian music whatsoever, so we have created a very specific music.

"Some of the older generation have been rather scared of developments but then there is the other chap who is saying that if it wasn't for bhangra then perhaps there would not be any Asian music. It is difficult to a keep a certain heritage, but this keeps roots with the language. Live concerts have given British Asian kids here somewhere to go and keep together as a community, so many parents are saying 'great.'

"If you go to a concert there are Muslims, Hindus, Punjabi and Gujerati. One of our bands, XLNC, has Muslim and Hindi band members. Most of the lyrics are about traditional issues. It is not a protest thing.

"There were problems two years ago with the recession because we cut back on investment. We account for 80 per cent of British Asian music and expect to sell 500,000 records this year."

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Secret report shows schools need 6,700 more teachers

■ An already high pupil-teacher ratio will grow even more unless the government finds £170 million to hire extra staff next year

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

CLASS sizes in state schools will rise sharply unless more teachers are recruited to match the increasing school-age population, according to a secret government report.

At least 6,700 new teachers are needed next year at a cost of £170 million to hold the pupil-teacher ratio at its present level, already the highest for almost a decade, it says.

A further 8,500 teachers are needed by 1996-7 to cope with the demographic changes affecting schools. Local authorities believe education standards will fall unless action is taken to stop classes growing.

The report, compiled by Whitehall and local authorities, will be presented to John Gummer, the environment secretary, at a meeting today to discuss spending plans for local government. It was leaked to Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend.

The study says that the number of nursery and primary children will increase next year by 66,000 and secondary pupils by 54,000. It estimates the present pupil-teacher ratio is 17.99:1, showing a steady deterioration from 17.66:1 last year and 17.44:1 in 1991.

The report is prepared annually by the Education Settlement Working Group, made up of local authority officials and civil servants, and used as a basis for strategic planning. It says each 0.1 increase in the ratio next year would reduce costs by £46 million.

Mr Byers said that while the rest of Europe was investing in the future by putting more money into education and training, the government was going the opposite way.

He said: "This report provides bleak reading... It reflects the everyday experience of parents with schoolchildren: that class sizes are getting larger and there are fewer teachers. If the government is serious about providing high standards in our schools, it must respond in a positive way to this report. Failure to do so will condemn a whole generation of children."

The findings also fuelled protests by the National Association of Head Teachers to John Patten, the education secretary, about the "unacceptable burden" that rising class sizes are placing on teachers already stretched by non-stop reforms.

David Hart, the union's general secretary, described the trend towards larger classes as very disturbing and said the government appeared to have no coherent strategy to tackle the problem.

Ministers claimed credit for cutting class sizes during the late 1980s, although much of the decline rested on a fall in pupil numbers. Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats seized on the issue of overcrowded classes at the general election and promised to introduce legal maximums.

The pupil-teacher ratio does not take into account the time teachers spend away from their pupils, which means the actual size of classes is higher. Government statistics show the average number of pupils in a primary class has risen to about 26.4 in primary schools and 20.6 in secondaries. Almost one in five primary classes has over 30 pupils.

The education department refused to comment on the leaked report. But a spokeswoman said that the overall increase in class sizes since 1979 barely amounted to one extra pupil in each class.

REBECCA NADEN

Palace performance: Leslie Crowther, the veteran entertainer and television game show host who was seriously injured in a car crash nine months ago, holds the insignia of the CBE he received from the Queen yesterday

Children head for a heavy fall

BY ROBIN YOUNG

EVERY year, one in five children in the United Kingdom is injured in an accident badly enough to be taken to hospital, according to a report published yesterday.

With seven million schoolchildren starting their holidays, the report predicts that 215,000 of them will visit casualty departments before the summer ends.

The 1993 Dettol child accident report, published in association with the Child Accident Prevention Trust, says that falls are the most common cause of injury, accounting for half the hospital visits. Children up to four-years-old fall twice as often as those aged five to 14, and have 60 per cent of accidents in the home, though they are only 35 per cent of the child population.

The UK does not compare well with the rest of Europe, coming fourth in terms of risk to children from accidental death, the report says.

☐ Two-year-old Daniel Oliver, rescued after spending more than an hour trapped in a swollen brook three months ago, has died in North Tees general hospital, Cleveland, after three bouts of pneumonia.

Diphtheria alert clears jab stocks

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

SUPPLIES of adult diphtheria vaccine in Britain have run out just as the Foreign Office has warned travellers to Russia to have booster jabs.

An epidemic of the disease has caused a run on supplies, and yesterday Regent Laboratories, the sole importers, said it would have no more before October. A combined tetanus and diphtheria vaccine has been available from Merieux UK, but has also run out.

Cases of diphtheria in Russia rose from 1,876 in 1991 to 3,897 in 1992. From January to May this year, 2,828 cases were reported. The epidemic is centred in Moscow, St Petersburg and Kaliningrad. The risks are greater for people likely to come into contact with Russian families than tourists staying in hotels.

Diphtheria caused 2,400 deaths among 45,000 cases in Britain in 1940 but the disease has been beaten by vaccination.

Dr Peter Barrett, of the Medical Advisory Service for Travellers Abroad, said yesterday that although revaccination was recommended, the risk was not enough to justify cancelling visits to Russia.

Quality and width save Harris Tweed

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

HARRIS Tweed is to undergo its most radical overhaul since it was first woven 150 years ago in the Outer Hebrides.

A £10 million pound injection from enterprise groups in Scotland and the European Community has been given to save the tweed industry, which has seen a big decline in sales in the past ten years due to antiquated looms unable to weave the width of cloth demanded by the American market.

The investment plan centres on a new double width weaving loom, now undergoing tests, which will also allow a wider choice of designs and colours.

Harris Tweed has to be handwoven in the Outer Hebrides from pure wool by the islanders in their own homes. In 1985, the industry was worth around £28 million. Last year, it fell to £5.5 million. Employment levels have dropped from 2,000 in 1966 to just over 500 in 1992.

About half of the £10 million will be spent subsidising 300 new looms, £500,000 on retraining and £2 million at the Harris Tweed finishing mills.

Duncan Martin, chairman of the Harris Tweed Working Party, said: "If the five-year strategy is successful, production and sales could treble."

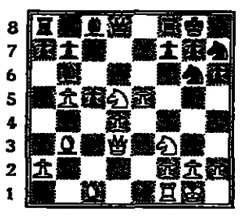
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE following sample of brilliant tactical pirouettes by Nigel Short's great predecessor Howard Staunton displays two of the finest tactical motifs, a thunderous queen sacrifice in the first diagram, supported by a devastating double check from bishop and knight on move 2.

In the second diagram, the black king is cornered by white's knight.

White: Staunton
Black: Amateur Player
London 1842



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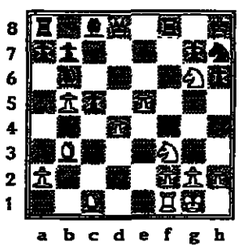

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19	Re1	Qd7
20	Nb4	Rab8
21	Qa5	Be4
22	Nxe4	dxe4
23	d5	f3
24	gxf3	Qh3
25	fxe4	Ng4
26	Qc7	Qf3+
27	Kg1	Qf2+

White resigns

The InterCity Scottish Blitz Championship was won by Grandmaster Colin McNab. This event acted as a curtain-raiser for the Scottish Championships at St Andrews, also sponsored by InterCity. The blitz event was played over six rounds on a train between Glasgow and Edinburgh.

White: J Shaw
Black: P Motwani
InterCity Blitz 1993
King's Gambit

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2	f4	exf4
3	Be2	d5
4	exd5	Nf6
5	Nf3	Bd6
6	0-0	0-0
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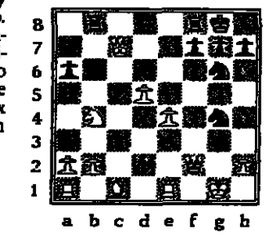

Championship Update

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Protesters prepare for take-off to halt runway proposal

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

■ Problems rather than solutions will be presented today by a report on where to build the South East's next airport runway

A REPORT on where a new airport runway for the South East should be sited will be presented today to John MacGregor, the transport secretary, and is certain to fuel one of the fiercest political and environmental debates seen in Britain for many years.

The report, which has taken more than two years to produce, has come to no definite conclusions. Instead, Mr MacGregor will be given a range of options, with each one raising problems.

Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton or a new multi-billion pound airport in the Thames estuary, near Sheerness, called Marinair, are all listed as possible sites for further development, says the report. It is up to the government to decide which to back, provided it accepts that such a development is necessary.

Successive transport ministers have managed to pass on the decision to the next minister. Cecil Parkinson, the former transport minister pressed by airlines and aviation authorities to find a way of preventing Heathrow and Gatwick from exceeding their capacities, set up a group known as Rucatse (the runway capacity in the South East committee) in November 1990. Included on it was every organisation that could possibly have any interest in the issue.

With so many diverse views being expressed, it was hardly surprising that they were unable to reach a unanimous decision on where any future runway development should take place. However, they will say that if air travel grows as predicted, a new runway will be needed somewhere in the South East by 2005.

Heathrow is the preferred option for the airlines and their passengers, says the report. If a full length runway is to be built, however, it will have to go to the north of the existing airport, possibly along the A4. That would have to be diverted and many houses, especially in the village of Sipson, demolished to make way for it.

A compromise proposal put forward at the last moment jointly by British Airways and BAA (formerly the British Airports Authority) would involve the building of a shorter runway at Heathrow to take short-haul European traffic. Called a "close parallel" runway, it would be only 1,000ft from the existing runway and, say its proponents, would enable the noise to be confined to those areas already affected. It would, they say, be the simplest, quickest and cheapest option.

Gatwick could technically also take another runway. An undertaking made in 1974 that no second runway would be built for at least 40 years would have to be breached and the only realistic site would involve the destruction of much of the village of Charlwood and the removal of a large hill in line with the new runway.

Stansted could have a second runway but BAA, its owner, and the airlines are against the idea because they say passengers will not want to go there. Luton could be extended to take at least double the existing number of passengers, even though its single runway would remain.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Not cricket: the village of Charlwood would be largely destroyed if a new runway were built at Gatwick

The final option is for a new airport to be built in the Thames estuary. There would be no noise pollution and the £4 billion cost could be funded by private investors.

The Marinair project, however, would involve the building of access roads, tunnels and the airport complex on reclaimed land, with air traffic control problems.

The committee agreed it was not feasible to extend regional airports such as Bristol, Bournemouth or Southampton to the extent necessary to meet likely demand. While Marinair is likely to be the option favoured by environmentalists, it is the one which the airlines most strenuously reject as commercially unworkable. Although Heathrow appears to be the obvious marketing choice, it is the option most likely to infuriate noise protesters.

The government, faced with what amounts to a Gordian knot, is almost certain to try to delay a decision.

Jury's open verdict on cell death

A prisoner classified as at "exceptional risk" after informing on a man later jailed for blackmail was found hanged in his cell when a blunder led to the two of them sharing it while awaiting trial, a coroner's jury was told yesterday.

Raymond Wilkinson, 27, implicated Robert Lloyd in a plot to blackmail a businessman. Police warned the men should be kept apart but they were put in the same cell at Highdown Prison, Banstead, Surrey.

Lloyd, serving a seven-year sentence, told the inquest in Dorking, Surrey, that he had been woken by noises outside the cell on New Year's eve to find his cellmate hanging from bed linen on the hinge of the toilet door. The jury returned an open verdict.

Malaria girl had heart attack

Assata Soloman-Rocque, 12, who collapsed at Brentford School for Girls in west London after taking malaria pills to help her go to the lavatory, died from a heart attack, Hammersmith Coroner's Court was told. Dr John Burton recorded a verdict of misadventure.

Semtex remand

Hugh Jack, 35, of Alloa, Central Scotland, appeared in Arbour Square Magistrates' Court, east London, accused of conspiring to cause an explosion and possessing Semtex. He was remanded in custody.

Bail appeal

The British government has decided to appeal against a San Francisco judge's granting of bail to James Smyth, who escaped with 37 others from the Maze prison near Belfast in 1983.

Fatal fall

Police in Halifax, West Yorkshire, arrested two men after Derek Crawford, 18, fell to his death from the 12th floor of a tower block in Mixenden as he attempted to climb down to a balcony.

Birth pains

The Tavistock Maternity Home in Devon is to close temporarily with staff shortages because 13 midwives at the larger Freedom Fields Hospital in Plymouth are having babies.

Pilot named

One of two men who died when their light aircraft crashed in Kent on Tuesday was named as Graeme Alleyne, 31, a British Airways jumbo pilot from Folkestone.

Dustman killed

Paul Hutchinson, 37, a dustman from Castleford, West Yorkshire, was crushed to death when he fell into the back of his wagon.

Cash on camera

Barclays Bank is to install undetectable pin-hole cameras in cash dispensers around the country in an attempt to cut card fraud.

Gummer to challenge road drive

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

CURBING the explosive growth of the motor car is expected to become a key thrust in the environment department's plan to achieve sustainable development.

John Gummer, the environment secretary, has signalled a battle between the ambitions of the transport department with its £23 billion road building programme and Britain's strategy to achieve environmentally sensitive growth.

Unveiling a consultation document on sustainable development from which a government plan will be devised and sent to the United Nations, Mr Gummer said yesterday: "We can no longer pretend that we can snatch for this generation everything that the earth affords. We cannot pay for our development out of our children's purses."

He said sustainable development recognised there were "delicate natural balances on which our lives depend ... Sustainable development simply means growing in ways for which future generations will thank us."

Mr Gummer conceded that transport policy for 50 years had failed to take into account sustainability. The consultation paper covers everything from a sustainable chemicals policy to recycling and wildlife conservation, but sets no targets or new policies.

Stonehenge centre could be hidden

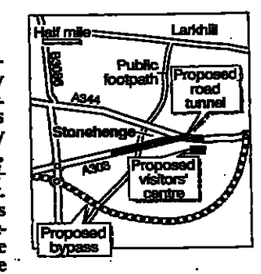
By Andrew Yates

ENGLISH Heritage is considering hiding the new Stonehenge visitors' centre.

It has asked its architects to examine the possibility of rerouting the A303, which currently takes traffic past the monument. English Heritage believes this would leave a satisfactory site for a centre on the redundant route of the trunk road. The centre would be screened in a cutting on the site of the road. The A303 would either be buried in a tunnel or bypass the stones to the south.

English Heritage and the National Trust are expected to confirm tomorrow that the architects Edward Cullinan have been instructed to consider a site on the A303. English Heritage commissioners yesterday discussed the possible site for the centre and passed on their views to the National Trust executive which meets today.

The new site will be considered with at least one other following public consultations initiated in May by Jocelyn Stevens, the chairman of English Heritage. English Heritage's original proposal of a visitors' centre at Larkhill, a mile north of the stones, remains a strong contender.



Local authority planners had objected to a centre at Larkhill, saying its mile-long access road would damage Neolithic and Bronze Age remains. But of the eight sites offered as possibilities in Mr Stevens's consultation, it proved the most popular. The scheme's architects have been seeking to answer the planners' objections. "We have been trying to redirect the access route so that it uses an existing stretch of road owned by the Ministry of Defence," said Roddy Langmuir of Edward Cullinan.

But Mr Langmuir confirmed that the site on the A303 was also being considered, even though it had not been among the options offered in the consultations.

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MP puts pressure on government over sex abuse victims

BY FRANCES GIBB AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE government is under pressure to bring in new laws to end the "scandal" which has prevented some victims of child sexual abuse suing for compensation.

David Hinchliffe, Labour's community care spokesman, is introducing a ten minute rule bill which would allow victims more time to start legal action after a recent House of Lords ruling closed the door on such claims.

The limitation (amendment) bill is being put forward after the case of Lesley Stubbings, who tried to sue her adoptive father and brother for personal injuries and psychiatric disorders suffered as a result of abuse as a child. Mrs Stubbings, from Wivenhoe, Essex, won her case in the High Court and Court of Appeal, but just before Christmas last year the House of Lords finally ruled that such a claim under existing law was "out of time".

Although she had brought the action within three years of realising that she had suffered psychiatric problems because of the abuse, the Lords ruled that the case should have been brought within six years of her 18th birthday.

Yesterday her solicitor, Tony Fisher, who has lodged her case and two others to the European Commission on Human Rights, welcomed the move. "This is very good news. If the government acted on this bill, it would put the law back before the House of Lords' ruling, so that people pursuing damages for sexual assault would be placed in the same position as those seeking damages for other kinds of injuries."

Another solicitor, Andrew Dismore, said the bill was timely because of proposed changes which may affect the level of claims under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme. In the year up to April 1992 there was a rise in child abuse claims to the board of 59 per cent.

Anyone suing for injuries caused by someone else's negligence, such as in a road or medical accident, has three years from the date they knew the incident caused their injuries to launch a claim. But the Law Lords held that in rape or sex abuse cases, where there is a deliberate assault, a different time limit applies: six years from the incident, or if the victim was a child at the time, six years from when he or she reached 18.

Labour argues that the Lords' judgment was based on legislation passed before the full scale and effects of child abuse were known. Several American states and Canada have brought in laws extending the time limits.

The Law Lords themselves acknowledged that Parliament, when it passed an act in 1954 setting the time limits for personal injury claims, did not consider the possibility of actions brought for the latent effects of child sex abuse.

Mr Hinchliffe said: "It is a scandal that people who suffer abuse as a child should be subjected to such tight limitations. Realisation about abuse and its subsequent effects may well come after someone's 18th birthday." His bill has no chance of becoming law in the near future because of lack of parliamentary time. But Labour will press the government to take up the issue and prepare its own legislation on the same principles.

Women at work: a third of the shadow cabinet elected this autumn could be female, under new rules agreed yesterday (Jill Sherman writes). Labour MPs will have to cast at least four votes for women in the shadow cabinet elections, instead of the present three. There are now five women in the shadow cabinet, from left, Margaret Beckett, Ann Clwyd Ann Taylor, Harriet Harman and Marjorie Mowlam. Mrs Beckett is there automatically as deputy leader: the other four were elected last year.

The move on the day that nominations opened for the shadow cabinet is the second *volte face* by the parliamentary Labour party on the issue and endorses a decision first taken by MPs more than a month ago. The PLP voted by 98 to 58 yesterday to approve a paper from the women's review group requiring MPs to name at least four women on their shadow cabinet ballot papers. Labour officials said that the new rule could result in six or seven women MPs getting a shadow cabinet place.

However, the new quota gives no guarantees, and is likely to increase tactical voting. The female vote will be spread much more thinly if more women stand for election. MPs wishing to split the female vote will name those least likely to get on.

Medal ban attacked by peers

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A DEFENCE minister has outraged peers by rejecting their demands for 7,000 British servicemen to be allowed to wear their Russian commemorative medals.

Senior peers, including Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, had been promised that ministers would think again about the ban following earlier protests in the Lords. But Viscount Cranborne, a junior defence minister, has written to Lord Williams of Elvel ruling out a change in regulations which treat the medals as no more than souvenirs.

About 11,000 servicemen received the medal, including 7,000 sailors who escorted convoys. Some defied the ban to wear their awards at Liverpool's 50th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of the Atlantic in May.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; prime minister. Motion on Maastricht treaty social chapter.
Lords (3): Motion on Maastricht treaty social chapter.

Time for Major to put Maastricht firmly in its place

It is time to talk about something other than Maastricht. The endless arguments over the treaty and the social chapter have not only bored most of the public but have also distracted attention from more important matters, threatened the most serious split in the Tory party for 80 years and poisoned the whole political system.

That does not mean, as some recent press comment has suggested, that John Major should somehow brush aside or evade votes in the Commons. Relying on existing votes in favour of what is now the Maastricht act is not enough. Mr Major has to win the backing of Parliament.

But Maastricht needs to be put in perspective. It is primarily of interest to the political elite and to enthusiasts. Voters have views on Europe, but they are not preoccupied by it. By a large majority, the public has consistently supported holding a referendum, but has been split on the merits of the treaty, with a majority against since last autumn. However, the issue remains fairly low in most people's priorities.

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Opponents of the treaty believe it is a matter of unique constitutional importance. But, despite majority support for a referendum, they have not succeeded in generating a mass crusade. Tens, even perhaps hundreds, of thousands may feel passionately against the treaty, but the petition for a referendum has so far not even been backed by half the two million-plus signatures which had been sought. The anti-Maastricht organisers have not matched the campaigns against the Corn Laws or for the extension of the franchise — or even, more recently, nuclear disarmament.

According to the regular MORI polls for *The Times*, the EC has in recent months never ranked higher than sixth in the list of what the public sees as the most important issues facing Britain today. It comes far behind unemployment, the health service, the economy, education, and law and order. Only about one in ten mention the EC compared with an average of seven in ten referring to unemployment. The ranking of the EC is only higher at a time of particular controversy such as the end of last September, following sterling's withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism. But these are only temporary blips.

The complicated manoeuvrings have passed most people by and have not featured in most MPs' postbags. The impact is more of an indirect one in underlining the weakness of the prime minister. It continues to erode his position. That is why defeat tonight, probably followed by the loss of Christchurch in a week, will mean that the rumbling about Mr Major's leadership will continue into the autumn.

The arguments over Maastricht have also fuelled popular disenchantment with politics and politicians, not just among opponents of the treaty and supporters of a referendum but also more generally.

The government's manoeuvrings and attempts to dodge defeats have appeared too often like sleight of hand, and Labour's tactics, skilfully embarrassing ministers, have seemed scarcely less cynical. The process has not enhanced popular respect for Parliament.

But before the focus can shift to issues of real concern to most people, Maastricht has to be resolved. At some stage, whether tonight, next week or in the autumn, Mr Major has to gain the support of the Commons for his policy on the social chapter if he is ever to regain authority.

PETER RIDDELL

A new political football

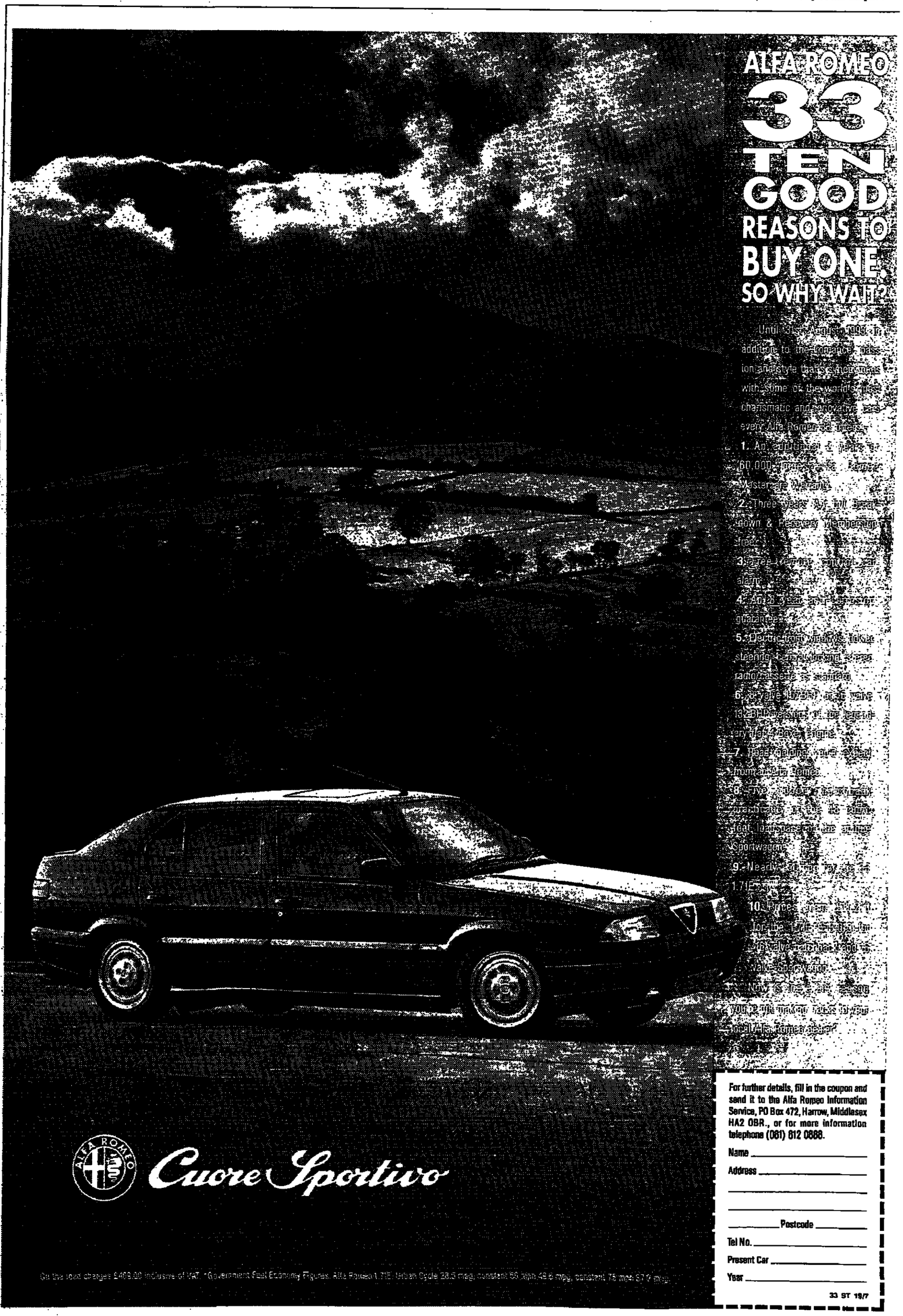
BY JONATHAN PRYNN

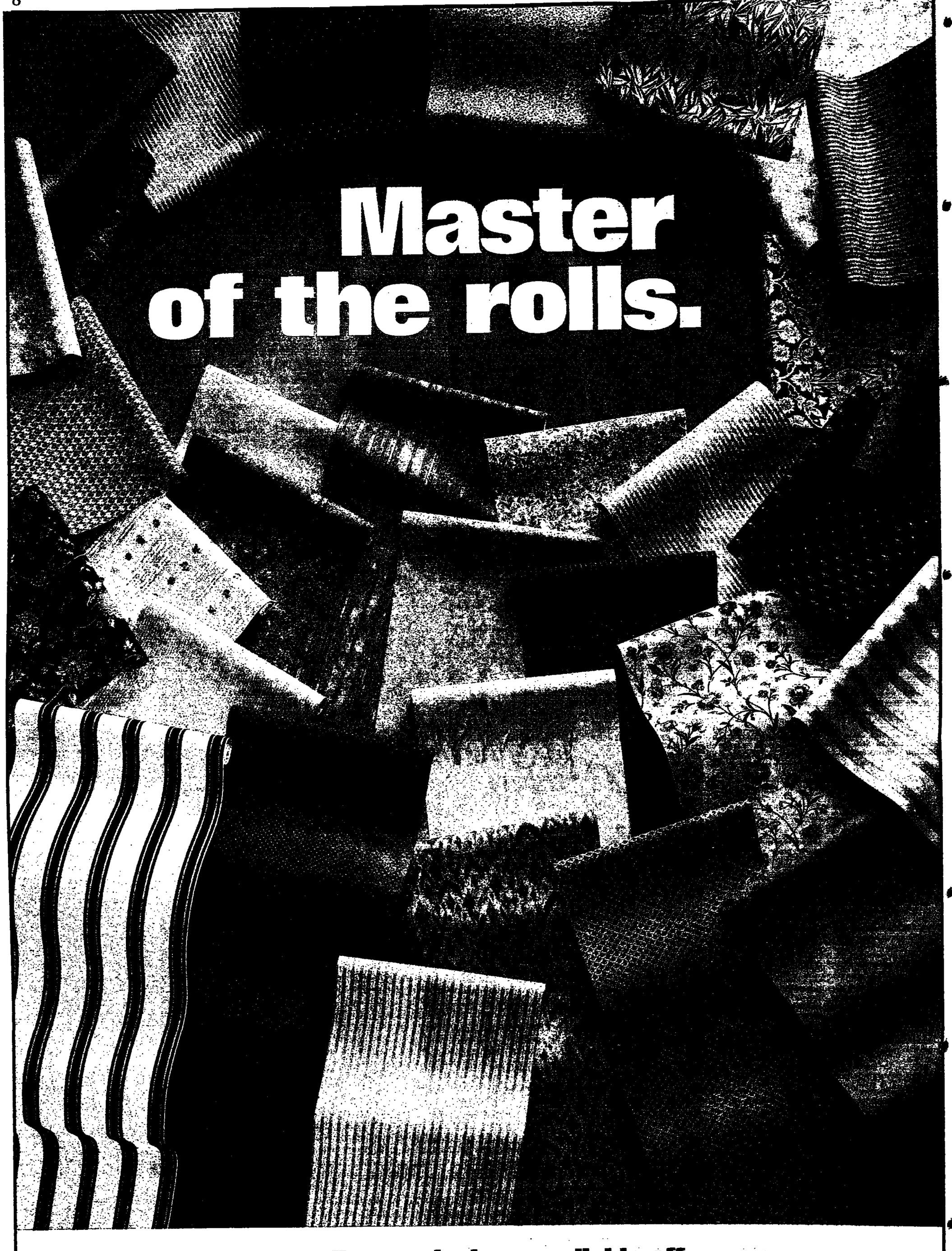
THE first cracks appeared in Britain's newest political alliance in Christchurch yesterday when Lord Sutch, fighting his 36th election, failed to agree a common Graham Taylor policy with Ian Crockard's Highlander IV Wednesday Promotion Night Party.

In his Highlander Nightclub, the only post-midnight night spot in a town now famous for its Horlicks-drinking tendencies, the spectacularly bekilted Mr Crockard said he believed Mr Taylor should be given a job for life. For Lord Sutch who has applied for the England football manager's job, this was too high a price to pay. Lord Sutch plans to offer Mr Taylor the job of minister of culture in his first cabinet.

The two candidates are enlivening what was threatening to turn into a painfully earnest campaign yesterday, with the mainstream parties fielding three capable and apparently gaffless candidates.

Little is known about some of the other fringe candidates with the exception of the glamorous topless model Tara Bardot Jackson of the Buy The Daily Sport Party, who is campaigning with the aim of "putting a smile back on the nation's face and making Britain great again".





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Relentless Serbs ready to cut Sarajevo's last lifeline

*The advancing Serbs seem unstoppable. **Eve-Ann Prentice** says they will strangle the Bosnian capital by siege rather than take it in bloody house-to-house combat*

Double indemnity: a Bosnian Serb soldier takes aim at a Muslim position while his comrade covers his back near Mt Ozren, north of Tuzla

SARAJEVO'S life-support system was on the brink of being disconnected yesterday, as Serb forces moved to sever the last supply lines to the Bosnian capital. General Ratko Mladic, commander of the Bosnian Serb army, added insult to injury for the Muslim forces when he said: "The path of Allah is controlled by my army."

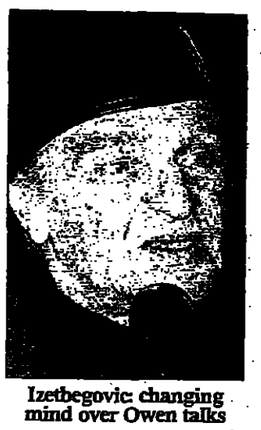
Although Muslim forces claimed they had regained some territory on and around the strategic Mount Igman overlooking Sarajevo, the overall Serb advance seemed unstoppable. A Serb conquest of Igman would strangle the last Bosnian army supply line through the Serb noose being tightened around the city. On the mountain heights, General Mladic's men gave the three-fingered Serb salute while houses blazed in the valley below.

However, it seems unlikely that the Serbs will move in on the city itself. They are more likely to impose a medieval-style siege and use the starving capital as a gruesome card to be played in the political poker game under way in Geneva.

The peace negotiators, Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, yesterday invited all the players in the Balkan tragedy to talks in Geneva this weekend. The Muslim president, Alija Izetbegovic, initially said he would not attend while Croat forces continued to block aid convoys to Bosnian towns. However, a spokesman for the negotiators said last night that he had "indications" that Mr Izetbegovic would be present.

Bosnian Croat militia leaders have been demanding intricate details about convoy destinations and refusing to allow any to travel from southern Croatia to central Bosnia for nearly a week, stifling aid to about a million people in need.

However, although Serbs and Croats have borne most of the blame for disrupting relief operations, Commander Barry Frewer, a spokesman for the UN peacekeepers, said yesterday that Muslim troops had also blocked convoys in an attempt to redirect aid.



Izetbegovic changing mind over Owen talks

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, knows the West will do little or nothing to halt his military machine as it grabs all the land it can before any ceasefire is signed in Geneva. He has also shown again this week that he is beyond the control of the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic.

Mr Milosevic is anxious to come to a deal with Croatia to end the war in Bosnia and prevent new fighting in Croatia over the Serb-held enclave of Krajina. International sanctions against Belgrade are having catastrophic effects on the Serbian economy and would make another full-scale military campaign well-nigh impossible for Serbia.

Despite this, Dr Karadzic told reporters on Tuesday that he wanted to unite Bosnia's Serbs with those in Serb-held areas of Croatia. Such a step towards his dream of a Greater Serbia would be untenable to Zagreb and would undermine Serb and Croat plans to divide the spoils of Bosnia between them.

Dr Spyros Economides, lecturer in international relations at the London School of Economics, said yesterday: "In the past few months we have seen clear signs that Milosevic has been pressing the Bosnian Serbs to curb their activities. But Karadzic said something very significant recently when he said 'we are with Serbia but not in Serbia'."

The Bosnian Serbs are unlikely to want to overrun Sarajevo itself, partly because Serbs in the city would be among the victims of vicious house-to-house fighting. General Mladic sent a message to Muslim forces yesterday: "Tell them to take good care of the Serbs that remain so they can survive."

Dr Economides said that the Serbs may "cut off Sarajevo and hold it up to ransom". At the same time, General Philippe Morillon, the former French commandwr of UN troops in Bosnia, said in New York that he doubted that the Serbs would mount a frontal attack on Sarajevo.

"I think Serbs have understood that a military victory in Sarajevo would certainly be very costly," he said. "Even if a military victory was possible, it would be a diplomatic and political catastrophe for their own case."

The city has been without electricity for the past month and water supplies, which had been partly restored, were cut off again yesterday. Civilians who must risk finding themselves under the sniper's rifle as they scour for water and wood in areas, face a horrendous future as and when the city is surrounded.

The United Nations has been unable to gain access to Mount Igman to find out what is happening there, but a UN military spokesmen said that the Serb forces were intent on taking it.

The West's inability to halt the de facto division of Bosnia may be exposed afresh this week. The UN has authorised air strikes to protect UN forces in six Bosnian Muslim enclaves, including Sarajevo, and Nato has said it will be ready for the task by today. However, Western diplomats said yesterday that they doubted any such attacks would take place immediately.

A decision would have to be made by the UN command in the former Yugoslavia, led by General Jean Cot of France, who would then confer with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, who would then confer with Security Council members, the chain of command according to the council's resolution.

Asked by reporters whether the "safe areas" plan was a farce, Commander Frewer said: "It's an honourable mandate, with some great difficulties to implement. We continue to do what we can. We are in a very difficult situation."

Izetbegovic finally agrees to attend Geneva talks

BY JOEL BRAND IN ZAGREB AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

PRESIDENT Izetbegovic of Bosnia is reported to have relented last night and agreed to attend the new — and officially final — round of peace talks in Geneva this weekend.

He initially refused to go to Geneva as long as relief supplies for his republic remain blocked by Croat forces. Mr Izetbegovic's change of heart came as Serb forces tightened their stranglehold on the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, threatening to put it under total siege.

Mr Izetbegovic and the leaders of Bosnia's Serbs and Croats received invitations to the talks on Tuesday from the international peace mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg. "I will not go to Geneva as long as there is aid intended for Bosnia-Herzegovina sitting at its door," a statement issued at the Bosnian embassy in the Croatian capital, Zagreb, quoted Mr Izetbegovic as saying. However, a spokesman for the negotiators in Geneva said last night that he had indications the president would attend.

In their letter, the mediators told Mr Izetbegovic, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and Mate Boban, the leader of Bosnia's Croats, that the Bosnian conflict had reached a level that "makes us both shudder for the future of your country". The letter said that President Milosevic of Serbia and President Tudjman of Croatia had expressed a "readiness" to go to the talks along with President Bulatovic of Montenegro.

Since the weekend, Bosnian Serbs have been launching a fierce assault on Mount Igman and Mount Bjelasnica near by, employing as many as 40 tanks in the attacks. Reports from both sides of the line indicate that the battle was a mixed victory for the government forces and the rebels. Bosnian Serb forces have made key advances on Bosnian positions to the south of the capital in recent weeks. In real terms those victories have put the rebels in their strongest position yet for strangling Sarajevo and forcing an eventual capitulation.

The victories have also cut off the besieged eastern Bosnian pocket of Gorazde where more than 40,000 people are preparing to face a winter in the coming months strikingly similar to the one their neighbours in the communities of Cerska, Zepa and Srebrenica faced in the past year. Those communities all fell or capitulated to the Serbs in horrific conditions.

In New York, General Philippe Morillon, who recently stepped down as head of United Nations peacekeeping forces in Bosnia, called for a quick but limited air attack if Serbs attacked the "safe areas".

US keeps clear of Bosnian morass

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA appeared last night to be backing away from deeper involvement in Bosnia despite the Serb encirclement of Sarajevo. "The US is doing all that it can, consistent with our national interests," Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said.

Asked whether the US would accept responsibility if the Serbs captured the Bosnian capital and its 300,000 predominantly Muslim inhabitants, Mr Christopher replied: "We hope there will be a better result than that." He and President Clinton again criticised European allies for rejecting the US plan to arm the Muslims so that they could defend themselves.

Mr Christopher also agreed that providing air power to protect United Nations forces in Bosnia had failed to deter Serb aggression against the Muslim enclaves as some Western officials had hoped. "It certainly seems not to have been effective in connection with some of the safe havens," he said.

He said the US role in Bosnia was largely a humanitarian one and noted that 15 relief flights, including six flown by US crews, had arrived in Sarajevo on Tuesday.

Mr Christopher added that the Clinton administration would accept an agreement to partition Bosnia under a federal or confederal system, provided it was freely entered into by the three warring parties. However, he declined to put any pressure on the Muslims.

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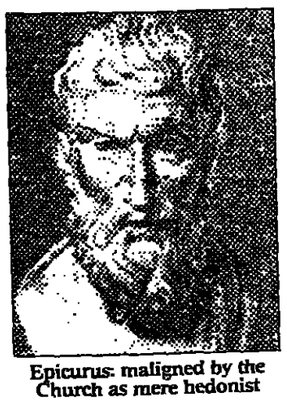
Epicurean tastes appeal to palate of 'sweet revolution' Italy



Epicurus: maligned by the Church as mere hedonist

■ *A Greek treatise on happiness written three centuries before Christ has risen to the top of the Italian bestseller list,* ***John Phillips*** *writes*

TIMES are hard for aspiring authors in Italy, where even established novelists have been ousted from the bestseller list by a slim work by Epicurus, a Greek philosopher who wrote in the third century BC.

A pocket edition of the *Letter to Menoeceus* by the Athenian philosopher has sold 1.4 million copies in six months and is still selling steadily. The publisher Stampa Alternativa (Alternative Press) is now doing a brisk trade in new translations of works by Seneca, Martial and Heraclitus.

Angelo Pellegrino, a Greek scholar who produced the new translation of Epicurus, says he was surprised by its spectacular success. He believes, however, it is linked to the "sweet revolution" under way in Italian politics and the end of Cold War values.

"The first reason for Epicurus becoming a bestseller was the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the decline of Marxist values. It meant there were no more ideological conflicts," Signor Pellegrino said. "People are turning away from politics to personal matters as they did at the time of Epicurus after the crisis of the Greek city state."

Also contributing to the huge sales was an extra slim pocket format of 30 pages, including a Greek parallel text and potted biography of the philosopher, priced at only 1,000 lire (50p). In the past, traditional publishers catered for a small coterie of Italian intellectuals and charged 16,000 lire and upwards for paperbacks.

"It was certainly important for people who never read books normally to find a classic in this format rather than in a big, dark, imposing volume," Signor Pellegrino said.

He believes his decision to change the title from *Letter to Menoeceus* to *Letter on Happiness* also increased its attraction. "We certainly have a very unhappy society, especially in Italian cities where people suffer from great moral, political and cultural confusion. Italians still see ancient Greek culture as part of their roots. This letter appeared like a new gospel of salvation offering solutions denied to us by our politicians."

A former classics lecturer at Bologna University who now devotes himself to writing, Signor Pellegrino believes previous translations were inevitably influenced by traditional Christian disapproval of Epicurus, who was accused simplistically of being a mere hedonist.

"It has always been a problem for the Church to enjoy life," he said. He denies that his is a "free translation in the sense that I have invented anything", but admits he introduced "four or five new interpretations".

Favourable publicity on *Babele*, a popular arts show, also stimulated interest. "There are many factors that made Epicurus a bestseller. It is difficult to explain because it became a fashion, a fetish. Some people buy ten copies," Signor Pellegrino said.

Angelo Leone, the managing director of *Stampa Alternativa*, said he initially had difficulties persuading bookshops to market Epicurus. "People thought we were crazy. In the end we convinced them to accept samples to give clients when they were short of small change."

Epicurus and a range of other classics are now being sold at supermarket check-outs. Signor Leone says he is negotiating to sell his 1,000-lire series in motorway service stations.

Rebels attack Russians in Tajikistan border post

■ **Two Russian soldiers were wounded in the latest attack by Tajik rebels from Afghan territory. A commander says all the border garrisons are now under serious threat**

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

REBELS operating from Afghanistan shelled a border post in Tajikistan, injuring at least two Russian soldiers, the commander of Russian troops in the former Soviet republic said yesterday.

Anatoli Chechulin told local journalists that the rebels, who fled to Afghanistan last year after being defeated in a near civil war, had shelled the southern 10th border post. The two injured men were serving with the Russian 201st Motorised Infantry Division, which has been pressed into action to help border guards and Tajik troops deal with the rebels.

Tass reported serious clashes in the area and said the situation at a string of border posts along the mountainous frontier was "extremely serious". Russian military sources said that many people were killed or injured in an explosion at the hospital in the small border settlement of Pyandzh, south of Dushanbe. They said the cause of the blast was under investigation but gave no details.

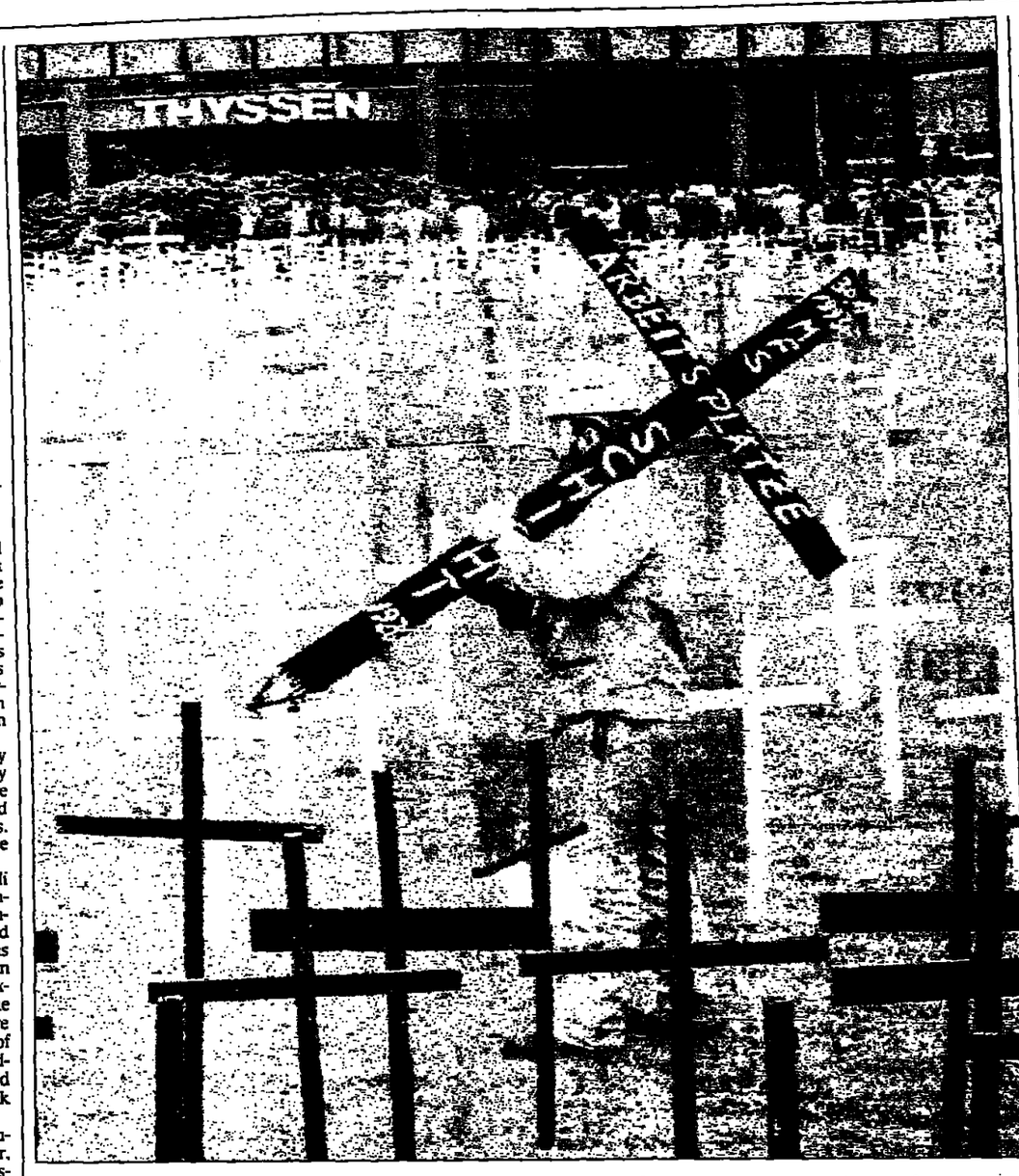
Moscow reacted swiftly after a big rebel attack last week which killed 25 border guards, sending reinforcements to the Central Asian republic and setting up a new command structure to help counter the attacks.

Tajikistan's rebel leader, Shoduman Yusupov, said yesterday his fighters had killed 25 Russian border guards last week after coming under fire from them. Mr Yusupov, who leads the opposition Democratic Party, said in an interview in Kabul that the rebels had asked the Russians guarding the Tajikistan border not to fire on "freedom fighters" crossing over from Afghanistan.

"We asked them to stay neutral, but unfortunately they started to shoot on the Mujahidin (guerrillas), and they had to defend themselves. This is how the Russians were killed," he said.

Lieutenant Colonel Vasili Matyuk, border guard commander in Tajikistan's southern Moskovsky district, said that most border garrisons only had two-thirds of the men they needed. He did not exclude the possibility that the rebels, who he said were armed with a large amount of armoured vehicles and modern foreign weapons, would soon launch a major attack across the border.

☐ **Moscow:** Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Russian Speaker, branded as a "national disgrace" Russia's decision to bow to American pressure and cancel part of a deal to sell rocket engines to India, which he and President Yeltsin had promised Indian leaders on visits to Delhi earlier in the year. *(AFP)*



Grave losses: workers erecting a symbolic cemetery yesterday at the head office of Thyssen Stahl AG, Germany's leading steel producer, in Duisberg. The crosses, representing previous job losses, were erected in protest at the company's plan to shed another 10,000 jobs over the next 15 months. About 8,000 of the 35,000-strong workforce took part in the protest and workers at all the company's production units also stopped work, while representatives met the management for talks. In March, facing a drastic reduction in orders, the German steel industry announced that 40,000 jobs would have to go over the next four years, including compulsory redundancies. However, an official strike in the east by the powerful IG Metall steel workers' union was averted after a compromise offer by the employers, and Thyssen and other workers approved a restructuring programme.

Poles learn Saatchi's campaign razzmatazz

FROM PATRICIA KOZA IN WARSAW

THE political party of Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, the former prime minister, relaunched itself yesterday with a Western-style campaign parade and rally, the first of its kind in Poland, punctuated with buttons, flags and music.

The Liberal Democratic Congress, the party of businessmen and economists which captured less than 8 per cent of the vote in the 1991 elections, hired Saatchi and Saatchi to give it a new image with the voters. The advertising agency helped the party to choose a new slogan ("No slogans — only facts"), a new logo (a white-and-red sun, the Polish national colours) and a new political programme that calls for creating a million jobs by 1997.

Not everyone was ready for the political razzmatazz: a few angry drivers honked when their way was blocked by a brief parade of about 500 candidates and supporters. "I am a little bit shocked by its dynamism," Mr Bielecki, an economist and long-time Solidarity activist during the communist years, admitted. "I was trained in the underground and to me it is a little strange. But certainly nobody is against music."

Saatchi and Saatchi was called in to help the Liberals to strengthen themselves internally and to differentiate themselves from dozens of other political parties at a time when the Polish public is sick of politics. The recently dissolved parliament was listed at the bottom of the heap in a survey of the most respected public institutions. President Walesa's non-partisan Reform Bloc, created last month with much fanfare, has run into heavy criticism — even among many workers who support him — because nobody knows what it stands for.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Moscow pulls out 40 MiGs

Tokyo: Russia has withdrawn 40 MiG23 fighters from an island claimed by Japan, the Japanese defence ministry said. The move was part of Russia's reorganisation of its Far East defence forces.

The appearance of the MiGs on Etorofu in 1984 prompted America to deploy two squadrons of F16 fighters at Misawa in northern Japan. Etorofu is one of a group of islands off Hokkaido, Japan's northern main island, referred to as the Southern Kuriles by Russia and the Northern Territories by Japan. They were seized by the Soviet army at the end of the second world war.

The territorial dispute has blocked signing of a second world war peace treaty and prevented Japan from extending large-scale aid to Russia. The former Soviet Union deployed the MiGs on Etorofu after the shooting down of a South Korean airliner in September 1983. The jumbo jet strayed into Soviet air space and was shot down over Sakhalin, killing all 269 people on board. *(Reuter)*

Ozone defence

Jerusalem: Greenpeace is urging Israel to accept international monitoring of the "Bromide complex", part of the Israel Chemicals group in the Negev, near Beersheba, which produces a third of the world's methyl bromide. It allegedly causes 3 per cent of the hole in the ozone layer. *(AFP)*

KGB man shot

Moscow: Gunmen assassinated Marius Ubashjan, a former head of the Armenian KGB, in Yerevan. Mr Ubashjan, who held the job from 1978 until 1989, was shot in the head three times as he took his morning stroll. *(Reuter)*

Under fire

Zakho, Iraq: An American doctor and four Kurds working for the British aid organisation, Global Partners, escaped unhurt when their jeep was raked with gunfire near the Turkish frontier, smashing all of the vehicle's windows. *(AFP)*

There's the rub

Manila: President Ramos of the Philippines has sacked a presidential guard who shot dead a massage-parlour cashier because he was dissatisfied with the performance of a masseuse. The guard was caught by residents and handed to police. *(Reuter)*

Smoke screen

Vilnius: Jurgis Bredekis, the Lithuanian health minister, has persuaded his cabinet colleagues to give up smoking in an attempt to create the world's first tobacco-free government. *(Reuter)*

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Industrialist's last note complains of psychological torture in Milan jail

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A POST-MORTEM examination yesterday on Gabriele Cagliari, the former ENI industrial group chairman who died in prison on Tuesday while under investigation for corruption, found that he suffocated to death. A note he left his wife accused magistrates of treating suspects in the bribery scandal "like dogs".

Signor Cagliari, 67, was found dead with a plastic bag around his head in his cell at the San Vittore prison in Milan. Investigators said that it was an apparent case of suicide.

The death of the industrialist, who had been held in prison since March 9, has divided Italy between supporters and detractors of the methods used by the Milan magistrates running the "Clean Hands" corruption scandal investigation and demands for limits on their use of preventive detention.

An enquiry into Signor Cagliari's death ordered by Giovanni Conso, the justice minister, began yesterday as authorities at San Vittore disclosed that another prisoner at the prison, Zoran Nikolic, a 30-year-old Serb serving a sentence for theft, had killed himself on Tuesday evening. The star-shaped building was designed in 1879 to house 800 and now contains 2,000 prisoners.

A suicide note from Signor Cagliari to his wife, Bruna, was published yesterday by the newspaper *Il Giorno*, which is owned by ENI. In it Signor Cagliari lashed out at the magistrates handling his case. "I have reflected intensely and decided that I cannot support this shame for very much longer," he said. "The magistrates treat us like non-persons, like dogs sent back to the kennel every time. Prison is nothing other than a menagerie for animals without heads or souls. Everyone is abandoned to themselves, in ignorance, inactivity and laziness."

Signor Cagliari accused authorities of using "psychological torture" and said the investigating magistrates vied with each other to be the harshest so as to further their careers. He acknowledged while in jail that ENI had paid some 20 billion lire (£9 million) to the Socialist and Christian Democrat parties, but claimed he inherited such systematic political corruption from his predecessors.

Today's generation drops yesterday's poet

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN ST PETERSBURG

THE stage in St Petersburg's vast Oktobraskaya hall was set as if for a variety show with coloured lights and much gold lettering. Yevgeni Yevtushenko, once one of Russia's most popular poets, wandered on stage to applause from an auditorium that was packed in the front rows, patchy in the middle and empty at the back.

In the early 1960s Yevtushenko was idolised at the mass poetry readings that came after Khrushchev's literary thaw. Football stadiums full of young people listened to his renditions of poems such as *Babi Yar* commemorating the slaughter of Jews by the occupying Nazi forces in Ukraine.

This reading, in honour of his 60th birthday was a melancholy testament to what happens when the *shestdeciatniki* (Sixties generation) turn sixty. Dressed in an offensively shiny suit and declaiming his poems to bursts of recognition from his peers, he looked like one of those slightly jaded singers they introduce with the phrase "I'm sure you've all been wondering what happened to . . ."

His birthday gala was a distinctly Soviet event, with endless saccharine tributes from Anatoli Sobchak, mayor of St Petersburg, and bunches of gladioli piling up beside the bard as he read. Today's Russia is a difficult place for poets; the more so for those such as Yevtushenko who was renowned for his cautious line on official trips abroad and his cautious liberalism at home. For two decades he walked the tightrope between protest and obedience with barely a wobble, even gaining a seat in the Congress of People's Deputies in 1990.

Much married — his third wife was an English academic and he is now with his fourth — he seemed to embody the sort of social success granted to those Russians who knew how to nudge back the line of tolerance without risking their careers. This, however, is a time of unforgiving re-examination and nowhere is this conducted more bitterly than in the world of letters. Yevtushenko is now dismissed in the cruel Russian phrase "last year's snow".

Not even his critics could accuse Yevtushenko of giving up without a fight and in yesterday's *Izvestia* he defended his generation's record. "When I hear all the attacks on the Sixties generation, from which I defend not only myself but many other comrades who were talented and brave, they do not seem fair. Yes, a lot of our hopes were smashed, but then whose dreams did come true?"

After the reading, I met a school teacher who recalled hearing him read his short poem *Cowards have Small Possibilities* in 1962:

Thus adders hustle to be hawks
Sensing the way the wind is blowing.
They adapt themselves to courage
Just as they have adapted themselves to lies.

Looking back on Yevtushenko's life and her own, she said, she found that poem difficult to bear these days.

Yevtushenko: idolised in the far-off Sixties

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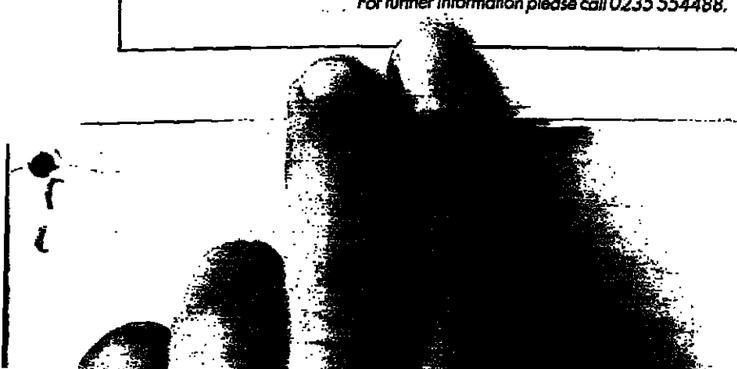


Cruel Mississippi brings more misery as the waters return

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ Renewed Midwest flooding has added to the burden on the poor who cannot afford to buy safer land or pay for insurance — $3bn in disaster relief might not be enough

THE FLOODS have returned to the waterlogged regions of America's Midwest as the Mississippi river crested at a record level and caused more flooding. For many of the residents, who mistook the temporary respite in the weather and the floods earlier this week as a sign that the worst may be over, the renewed flooding seemed a cruel hoax of nature.

Some of the worst affected areas were hit by renewed rainfall on Tuesday and yesterday, with forecasts of more to come. Near St Louis, Missouri, the flooding crashed through another levee (embankment) and further upstream in Des Moines, Iowa, engineers were still unable yesterday morning to restore the city's depleted water supply. At St Louis, the Mississippi reached a record high of more than 47ft in a second crest, 17ft above normal flood levels. Workers who had tried to strengthen a levee near St Louis along the Des Peres river, a tributary of the Mississippi, had to be rescued when the levee collapsed along a mile-long stretch, leaving them "up to their necks in water". Nobody was hurt: residents in surrounding areas were evacuated some days ago.

In Des Moines, hopes of a gradual restoration of the water supply were dashed because of an overnight drop in the water pressure. Des Moines's 250,000 citizens have been without a water supply for ten days after the water purification plant was flooded. The reason for the pressure fall is considered to the failure by many of Des Moines's residents to keep their water taps turned off. The gradual restoration of supplies is not expected to start until today at the earliest, and drinking water is not expected to be flowing for several weeks.

The system of levees to close off the Mississippi river's natural flood plains has given rise to a vicious circle, whereby the longer the floods prevail the more flood-drenched the levees become, causing in turn further levee breaks and more flooding. Hydrologists also found a curious time delay between upstream and downstream flooding. Downstream flooding occurs with a delay of one or two days after levee breaks further upstream because it takes that time for the river to flood upstream farmlands.

There is now an increasing recognition that the Mississippi has crushed large parts of the system, which was designed to hold back its force and flooding potential. The system of levees and dams has been criticised by ecologists because the narrowing of the river's natural flood plain increased its speed and with this its destructive potential. More seriously, the levees have given residents a false sense of security. There is an additional problem, in that the floods affected poorer people disproportionately hard because many residents in the plains are on low incomes. They cannot afford to buy land in safer areas; often they cannot afford flood insurance either.

Congress has sanctioned close to $3 billion (£2 billion) in disaster relief, but President Clinton has indicated that the final amount might well turn out to be much higher.

Indian floods make millions homeless

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

MONSOON storms that have not relented in three weeks continued to batter northern India yesterday, taking the death toll to more than 500 and leaving at least two million homeless. Punjab, the nation's breadbasket, is bearing the brunt of the deluge.

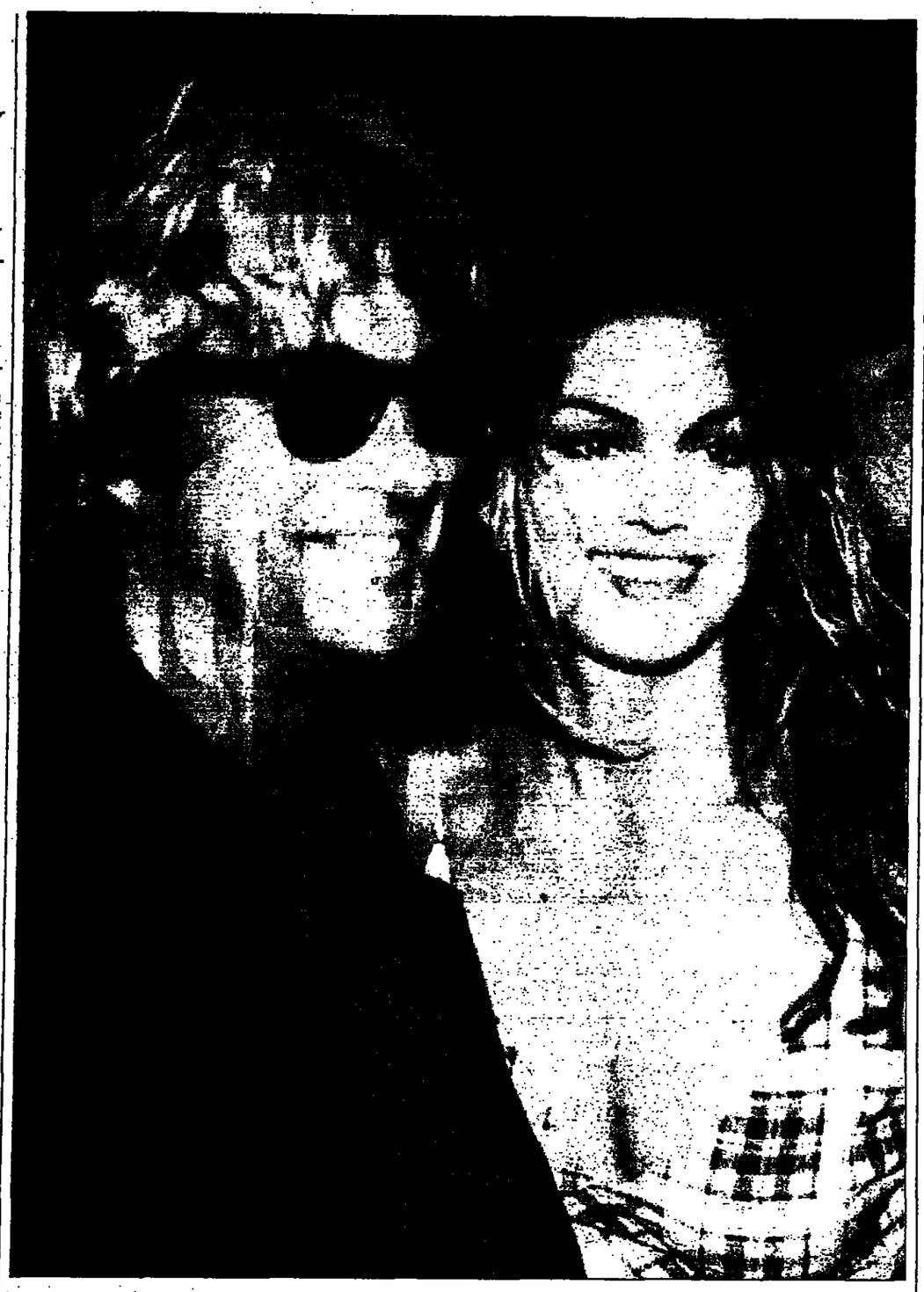
The army is doing what little it can to help the stranded, but in many areas roads are washed away and railway lines are under water. Occupants of large slum areas along the banks of the Yamuna in Delhi have moved to safer ground.

The railway network is in disarray, preventing the movement of freight and leaving some districts short of goods. Reports yesterday suggested that troops in the sensitive states of Punjab and Kashmir were not being resupplied.

Military trains have been halted, preventing movement of troops in and out of Kashmir. Indian Railways estimated that 200,000 goods wagons had been halted, disrupting the distribution of coal, foodgrain and fertilisers. Hundreds of thousands of tons of grain stored in Punjab and Haryana are feared damaged. The northeastern states, particularly Assam, are badly affected, with huge numbers of people living on roads and embankments. Floods were also reported in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

The army has been called out in some areas to help restore rail links and the air force has been dropping supplies. It is unusual for severe flooding to occur so early in the monsoon season.

In Bangladesh, the official death toll this year has been put at 14, but newspaper and other unofficial reports said at least 162 people have died since the monsoon began in May. The rains have followed some of highest temperatures recorded in India in decades. On one day in June the temperature in Delhi touched 48C, the highest for 40 years.



Model appearance: Cindy Crawford, the American model, with her husband, Richard Gere, back-stage at the Paris Fine Arts school where she presented the Chanel collection at the haute couture autumn-winter week that ended yesterday. Karl Lagerfeld, the designer, reduced the famous Chanel suit to a clinging micro-skirt hidden under the jacket in a collection that joined others in bringing back short hemlines. Escape from the present gloom into luxury and the past was the dominant theme of collections in a week that saw Lacroix, Dior, St Laurent and others reach for the opulence of the Renaissance, the 19th century and the mid 20th century. The designers put up a strong defence against the reproaches of those who see haute couture as an exorbitantly expensive art form.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

German force for Somalia delayed

Bonn: Volker Rühe, the German defence minister, told 200 troops at the Bonn-Cologne airport yesterday that they would have to show courage in Somalia. It was announced later that they were flown to Djibouti instead, apparently out of concern for their safety (Patrick Moser writes).

A defence ministry spokesman said the soldiers would only fly to Mogadishu, the Somali capital, once the ship carrying their vehicles arrived there. Fifty-one soldiers who had left Germany earlier arrived in Mogadishu to join the United Nations force.

The Bonn government's concern for the safety of the troops may have been heightened by reports that supporters of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the leading warlord, may be planning to attack German troops in an attempt to force them to withdraw and to harm the UN operation as a whole.

Killer executed

Potosi, Missouri: Walter Junior Blair, 32, who was convicted of accepting £4,000 for murdering a woman in 1979, was executed by lethal injection. He was convicted of killing Katherine Jo Allen, 21, to keep her from testifying at a rape trial. *(AFP)*

Visit halted

Tokyo: The Dalai Lama's trip to Japan has been cancelled after pressure from the Chinese government. China recently failed to block the Dalai Lama's participation at a United Nations world conference on human rights. *(Reuter)*

Gangs clash

Tokyo: Police put 900 officers on the alert after underworld violence left three gangsters dead and six others wounded. Rival gangs have started to fight over territory.

Locust alert

Addis Ababa: Locusts are massing in Yemen and will cross into the Horn of Africa within days, bringing with them the threat of famine, the United Nations said. *(Reuter)*

Man in the news: Louis Freeh, director of the FBI

Mr Clean sweeps into the bureau

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

LOUIS Freeh, the new director of the FBI, is one of those Americans who appear just too perfect to be true: close-cropped, square-jawed, deeply conservative, devoid of human weaknesses, utterly dedicated to work and family and seemingly lacking in any sense of humour or frivolity.

He rises before dawn, has no time for perks or privileges and dislikes socialising. He is a man of ramrod integrity and terms such as "tough", "fearless" and "indefatigable" tumble from the lips not just of colleagues but of former adversaries. As a federal prosecutor, he always spurned the private entrance to courtrooms that prosecutors use to avoid defendants and their families.

Small wonder that "Louie" has now reached the pinnacle of his profession at the age of just 43, a record surpassed only by the 29-year-old J. Edgar Hoover in 1924. Thanks to his copious files on successive presidents, Mr Hoover kept the job for 48 years. As a consequence, Judge Freeh is limited by law to ten.

From an early age, he dreamed only of joining the FBI. He did so after graduating from Rutgers Law School in 1974 and spent six years as an agent in New York. That was followed by ten years as a New York federal prosecutor and two as a federal judge, his speciality being organised crime and the Mafia.

As an FBI agent he was one of the principal investigators in a major racketeering and corruption case in the New York docklands that ended in the conviction of 125 union and shipping officials including Anthony Scotto, president of the longshoremen's union.

As a federal prosecutor Mr Freeh masterminded the "pizza connection" case, the most celebrated organised crime and drugs trial of the 1980s. After a five-year investigation and a record 17-month trial, he obtained the conviction of 16 out of 17 Mafia mobsters who had run a billion-dollar heroin smuggling operation that used pizza parlours as "fronts".

Freeh: famed for fight against Cosa Nostra

In 1990 Richard Thornburgh, then attorney-general, asked him to resuscitate the flagging investigation of the mail-bomb murders of a Southern federal judge and a civil rights leader. Mr Freeh swiftly reorganised the team and brought the perpetrator to trial.

Mr Freeh's nomination won bipartisan praise yesterday, and thrilled the FBI where morale had plummeted during William Sessions' desperate six-month battle to retain his job. But there were some questions raised.

Despite his limited managerial experience, Mr Freeh is being asked to run a vast and sprawling agency of more than 20,000 employees with an annual budget of $2.2 billion (£1.46 billion).

The old foes of the FBI — Communist infiltrators, spies and the Mafia — have also largely been replaced today by Asian and Jamaican syndicates and loosely affiliated terrorist groups of which he has little direct experience.

□ Clinton aide dies: A lifelong friend and senior aide to President Clinton has committed suicide, apparently upset by the negative publicity the new administration has attracted. Police found the body of Vincent Foster, the deputy White House counsel, with a bullet wound through the head in a car park overlooking the Potomac river on Tuesday night.

Buyers leap at kangaroo rump steaks

Sydney: The kangaroo, Australia's wildlife symbol, appeared on supermarket shelves for the first time this week and proved an immediate success.

Shoppers in one of the country's biggest stores bought more kangaroo meat in one day than the chain had estimated for the week. The marsupial has been on the menu in restaurants in three states and sold in delicatessens.

"We thought about the sensitivity of eating the national emblem but it seems that as long as the meat meets hygiene standards it's okay," a spokesman for the store said. It sells for about £2.50 per pound for rump. *(Reuter)*

Warhol friend accepts £220m price tag on artist's estate

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A FINANCIAL dispute that had threatened the legacy of the late Andy Warhol has been resolved with an agreement that the artist's estate is worth less than half of the $700 million (£466 million) claimed.

The argument pitted Frederick Hughes, Warhol's long-time friend and manager, who once saved the artist's life by administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after he was shot by a fanatical groupie, against an executive who admits he met Warhol only once. Mr Hughes became the executor of Warhol's estate after the artist died in 1987.

Warhol left $250,000 to Mr Hughes and entrusted him with setting up a charitable foundation to help visual artists. However, it soon became apparent that the estate was worth a great deal. Mr Hughes hired a flamboyant lawyer named Edward Hayes, who fixed his fee at 2 per cent of the total value of the estate. The two went about divesting parts of the estate to raise funds for the new foundation.

Mr Hughes then appointed Archibald Gillies, a conservative executive who had previously run New York's Whitney Foundation, to take care of what he named the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. Mr Hughes, Mr Gillies and Mr Hayes then fell out. The foundation started to cut back on issuing grants and was criticised for failing to support the kind of artists Warhol would have liked.

The foundation had to assess the value of its holdings, a figure that would set the fees for both Mr Hughes and Mr Hayes. At first Mr Hughes and Mr Hayes, using an appraisal by an art expert, claimed the estate was worth about $700 million. The foundation, seeking to minimise its fees, said the total value was just $220 million.

This week, Mr Hughes, who is suffering from multiple sclerosis, agreed with the foundation that the final valuation should be $220 million, a victory for Mr Gillies. As a result, Mr Hughes will receive a total of $5.2 million.

Mr Hayes, who was fired by Mr Hughes this month, has yet to settle, and his case will be resolved in court.

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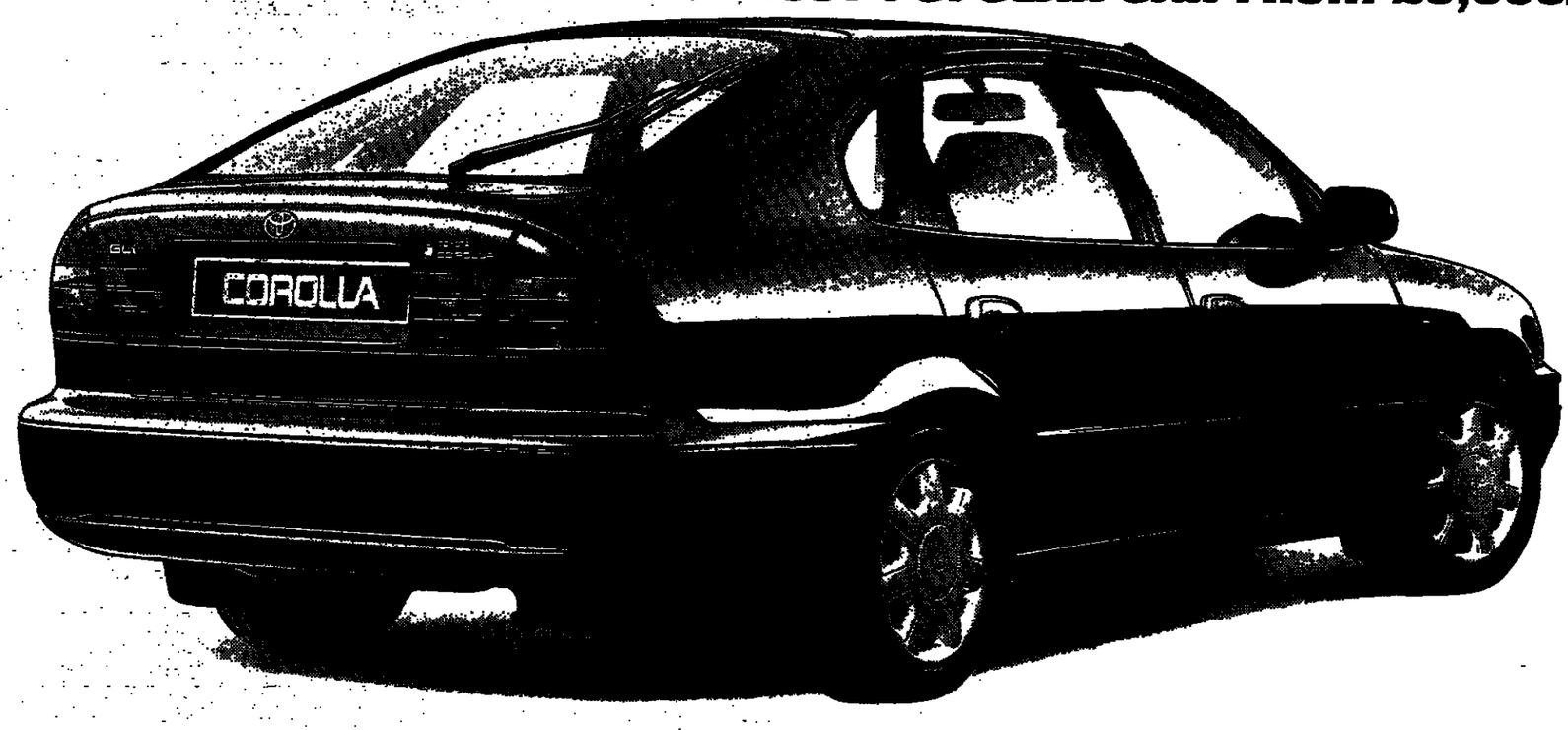

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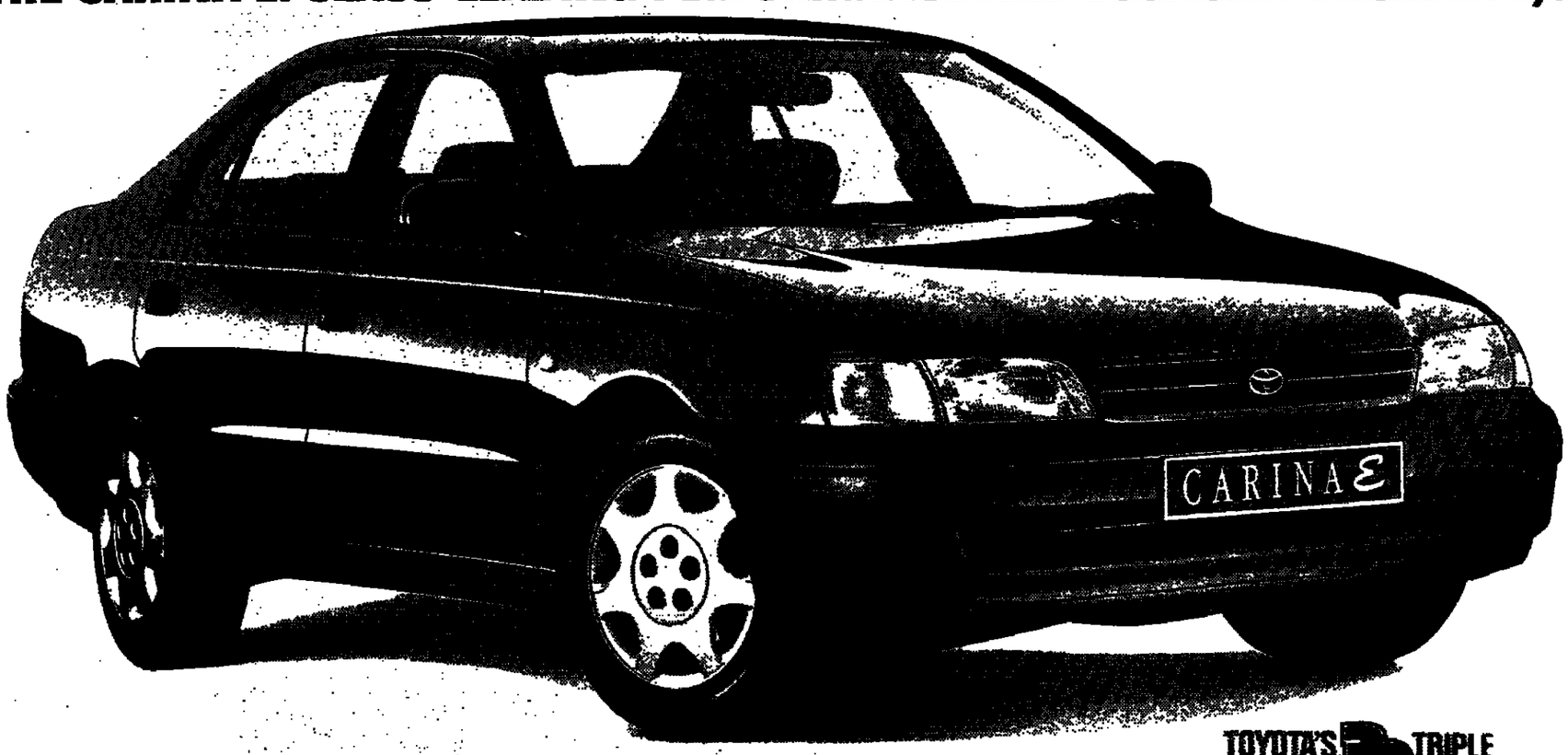

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The all-American self-made orphans

Lyle and Erik Menendez say they killed their wealthy parents after years of sexual abuse. The prosecution says they murdered out of greed. Kate Muir on the American Dream turned nightmare

Beverly Hills killers: Erik (left) and Lyle Menendez, shortly after their parents died in what seemed to be a mob killing. But then, instead of mourning, the young men celebrated

The blonde, powersuited lawyer was opening for the defence: "This trial will take you behind the façade of the rich houses and fancy cars, the wealthy friends and the rich social engagements," she said. "It will take you to the life of Erik and Lyle Menendez and the house in which they grew up." It would also, she said, lowering her voice, reveal a secret which could never leave the family, because "anyone who allowed the secret to leave would not live".

Thus began the defence case this week of two student sons who sprayed their parents with gunfire as they watched television in their Beverly Hills mansion.

The opening lines sounded like an actor's. The murder plot originated as a fictional film script, and after the trial a drama-documentary will be made. But for the next four months, a Los Angeles courtroom will witness gruesome reality.

Lyle Menendez, now 25, and his brother Erik, 22, have admitted that they killed their parents on August 20, four years ago. The question is no longer whodunit, but why. The prosecution maintains the men killed out of greed, hoping to inherit their parents' $14 million (£9.2 million) estate, and cites evidence of a spending spree in which the brothers bought Rolex watches, a Porsche, the services of a private tennis coach and a restaurant.

But the defence claims the sons killed José and Kitty Menendez in self-defence, after years of sexual and psychological abuse.

Twenty years ago, such a defence would have been laughed out of court, particularly when an obvious motive like greed was conveniently to hand. Now, with child abuse at the forefront of American consciousness, lawyers think the Menendez brothers have at least a chance of avoiding Death Row, if not getting off altogether.

When Lyle was a Princeton university student, and Erik a tennis star at Beverly Hills High School, they plotted what they called "the perfect murder". They bought shotguns with a friend's identification, killed their parents in what looked like a Mafia hit, then went to watch *Batman* and visit friends to create an alibi. Arriving back home, they pretended to have discovered the bodies, and rang the police, crying hysterically.

> Lyle and Erik plotted what they called 'the perfect murder'

José Menendez was the millionaire owner of Live Entertainment, a subsidiary of the film company Carolco, and police considered a mob hit might be a possibility, since one of his deals had been slightly dubious. What puzzled detectives was the death of Kitty, since mobsters typically would not kill a wife as well.

Then the evidence against the brothers began to mount up. They were spending rather than mourning. A computer disk thought to contain their father's revised will mysteriously disappeared. A shotgun shell casing was found in one of Lyle's jackets, and the screenplay, written by Erik — and in a macabre twist, typed out by his mother — was discovered. The central character is an 18-year-old living a pampered life who "smiles sadistically" on hearing he will be left $100 million if his parents die, and is later seen about to commit the murder.

None of this was enough to mount a case, until tapes of Erik confessing the murder to Dr Jerome Oziel, his psychotherapist, were discovered. For three years, a legal battle was fought to keep the tapes out of court, under therapist-patient confidentiality, but after the therapist was threatened by Lyle, they were allowed as evidence. Meanwhile, the brothers languished in LA county jail.

The tanned, confident playboys who pleaded not guilty to the charges in a pre-trial three years ago are now white-skinned from lack of sunshine and fresh air, dressed in sober jackets and pleading guilty. In an extraordinary move, the judge has insisted on two juries simultaneously, one for each brother.

Their attorney, Jill Lansing, is the best money can buy, and her opening statements had the rapt attention of the packed courtroom. She portrayed 45-year-old Mr Menendez as a demanding, domineering father who expected nothing short of perfection from his sons. A Cuban immigrant who started by washing dishes in New York and ended up a senior executive with Hertz and RCA records before buying his own company, he expected his sons to fulfil his particular American dream, with successes at an Ivy League college and on the junior tennis circuit.

Ms Lansing said that when the boys confronted their father with their years of sexual, physical and mental abuse, he became enraged and made it clear that this secret would never go beyond his walls. For over an hour, she described the abuse in court, claiming Lyle had been sexually abused for two years from the age of six and Erik had been molested for 12 years.

She said that when the 14-year-old Lyle still wet his bed, his father put the spoilt sheets on the breakfast table for everyone to see. She told, too, of the day Lyle asked where his new pet rabbit was. His mother apparently told him to ask his father, who pointed to the rubbish bin. The pet was inside, its head smashed. Lyle claims that another time his mother cut herself and smeared the blood on him.

But the three tapes of sessions with Dr Oziel make no mention of physical abuse. "They told him they killed their father out of hatred and a desire to be rid of his domination," the prosecutor said. "They did not tell him they killed in self-defence or because of abuse."

The trial of the poor little rich boys and the story of their strange life behind the walls of a mansion once owned by Michael Jackson and Elton John is expected to continue until late autumn. Two books have already been commissioned on the brothers; the television film is shaping up; *Vanity Fair* is sending Dominick Dunne to LA to cover the trial, along with half the magazine reporters in America. Whatever happens, it is unlikely to stray far from the script by Erik Menendez.

The liberal anguish at being burgled

No, we can't cut off their hands

EVERY now and then an event occurs which brings home for a frightening few moments the fragility of the circumstances that define our lives. In this case, it was the nick-of-time discovery of the jagged fragment of glass embedded in the wooden toilet seat that really put things in perspective.

The shattered glass was from the tiny window which had been smashed to enable an extraordinarily agile burglar to climb in to open the downstairs door for his accomplices. Burglaries in big cities are a commonplace. But it is still a shock the first time it happens to you. Wandering around the house, wondering what else had gone that I had not yet noticed, it was a solace of sorts to reflect that it would have been worse if that shard of broken glass had been discovered more painfully.

For the truth about petty crime is what it reveals about ourselves and those who perpetrate it. To most middle-class families what matters above all else is life, limb and sanity of our nearest and dearest. Despite all the criticisms of our unabashedly materialist society, by and large our possessions are not our gods. The critical thing, confronted by crime, is that no one should get hurt. We were out. He did his business and left. And as an amateur job, it was done fairly professionally.

That is to say, there was no wanton despoliation. The only serious victim was my wife's porcelain piggy bank, which she had owned since the age of ten, brutally smashed for its contents. These must have been disappointing; its greatest accumulation of wealth was probably in old 10p pieces, no longer legal tender. I breathed a sigh of relief, too, when I realised that my late father's wartime medals — worth "a few bob", but not much more, at a pawn shop, yet of inestimable personal value to me — were safe.

The thieves had even neatly unbuckled my personalised SAS and British Airways luggage tags and left them on the kitchen table before absconding with my much-loved Brazilian leather holdall to carry off their booty. What they had taken, of course, was their stock-in-trade: the portable television, the video recorder, the compact disc player and all the CDs they could lay their hands on. I could estimate their age by what they stole. Even in the midst of the current 1970s rock revival, they had ignored my huge record collection, from my vintage Rolling Stones to first edition King Crimson and David Bowie. The present generation of teenage tea-leaves is not into vinyl.

And, thank goodness, they do not recognise Kazakhstan carpets. But then, perhaps I am being unfair: perhaps they simply know their market. Back in 1908, G.K. Chesterton wrote: "Thieves respect property. They merely wish the property of other people to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it." Today they only respect what they know they can get a good price for from the local Arthur Daley.

What hurts the middle-class burglary victim is not so much the fact of the loss but the invasion of our precious privacy, the realisation that the battlements of the Englishman's castle can so nonchalantly be breached. We do not air our dirty washing in public, and we do not relish the idea of strangers — for that is the crux of the matter, these are uninvited strangers — rooting through it in search of non-existent hidden jewels. Burglary is the ultimate unpardonable nosiness.

PETER MILLAR

In the end what was stolen was eminently replaceable. No doubt my CDs will end up on a stall at the local market where I may even get them back at cut price. The television, video and CD-player will all fetch pittances as second-hand goods in a market sector where prices for the newest state-of-the-art variation tumble daily. Meanwhile I will claim off my insurance and as a result my premiums will rise again.

TO THE ear of a child, more attuned to absurdities than those of us who have grown to accept them, this all sounds bizarre in the extreme: some sort of circular social game in recycling electrical goods downwards. I imagine there may even be some sort of economic theory that could be devised to explain this property transfer spiral.

My nine-year-old son, for whom cops and robbers had until now been merely a game played with plastic pistols and black masks, was clearly annoyed and personally offended by this intrusion, for which it seemed there was no adequate adult response. "When will they catch the burglars?" he asked, to which honesty compelled me to reply that the chances of them ever doing so were pretty slim.

"But what if they do?" He was jolly impressed when I told him that in Saudi Arabia they would have their hands cut off. But markedly less so, when I added that in this country, depending on their age, there was a fair chance that not a lot would happen to them beyond a ticking-off from a judge ("rather like a stern headmaster") and a few months of having people call at the house to tell them not to be naughty again. As he pondered this, I thought I could see in his multiculturally-educated eye a sudden understanding of the basic appeal of Islam.

Reading the last rites over high fashion

Are the great haute couture houses of Paris finally about to fall off the end of the catwalk?

You are climbing off the express from Manchuria when a long Studebaker glides to a halt at the Siberian station. Through the mist you see the chauffeur open the door and from the back steps an impossibly ravishing vision in sombre velvet and sable.

Switch to soft jazz, a Manhattan skyscraper circa 1938, and the most fatale of femmes, swathed in black satin, draws on her cigarette holder and beckons you to her boudoir. Corny fantasies, perhaps, but you have to think of something when you watch the haute couture shows, and these were the daydreams invoked when Yves Saint Laurent sent his nostalgia-laden collection up the catwalk in Paris yesterday.

Haute couture may once have been about dressing women, but since only a few hundred women are ready to shell out about £10,000 for a suit or £5,000 for a dress, the designers in the crisis-ridden 1990s have turned to purveying pure fantasy. High fashion has, of course, been pronounced dead about as often as God and the novel. Chanel came a cropper in the 1930s and in the tear-gassed Paris of 1968, Cristobal Balenciaga lamented that "There is no-one left to dress". But this year, with several big houses in trouble, and seasonal fashion withering in the grey world outside, haute couture feels like a dying religion, or a mystical art tended by exquisitely-mad priests with names like Lagerfeld and Lacroix. Most of the players are busy these days trying to justify what amounts to the Jurassic Park of the rag trade.

Such sublime luxury may lose a fortune, say Chanel, but it enables women to dream and fuels the "*image de marque*" which sells the ready-to-wear and the mega-sales of Poison and other perfumes. Renault and other car makers pour money into Formula One for similar reasons. Some, like Paco Rabanne, take the mystical escape from the guilt which is obsessing the industry. The creator of Calendre, the number one perfume, believes he is the reincarnation of a renaissance monk and is convinced the world is approaching fiery apocalypse.

The trick is to suspend belief and indulge your senses in the decadence so palpable in a week that had women decked out in Renaissance finery — baroque excess with a nod to the Dark Ages. Saint Laurent, the Sun King of the couture kingdom for the past three decades, offers the most conventionally elegant of images, so his show was a good beginner's exercise in a ritual which, like opera, requires a suspension of the sense of the absurd. Like opera, it helps that only the faithful attend. In the heavy Victorian glory, all red velvet and gilt chandeliers, of the Intercontinental hotel on the rue Castiglione, these included Bernard Henri-Lévy, the celebrity philosopher, Joan Collins and the inevitable Catherine Deneuve, the living exemplar of the YSL style.

The great host at the shows consists of the media. Most intrusive are the distinctly un-couture photographers who yell "look this way darling" just as the spell is taking hold. In serried ranks sit the scribes of the fashion pages. Fierce and determined women for the most, these professionals wield a sports writers' ability to turn colour and gesture into metaphor. "A hymn to the lightness of lace," scribbles my neighbour. "*Très Indochine*," jots the other neighbour after the oriental creature of my pre-war fantasy pivots before us. For any man, it is impossible not to be transfixed by Yasmeen Ghauri and the lesser-known models who saunter out of the leaf-strewn entrance arch with Saint Laurent's black velvet surgically grafted to to their frames.

Saunter may not be the right word for these giraffe-like creatures with the distant gazes who manage to articulate in slow motion as if endowed with the double the usual quota of joints. The snappers go mad with the penultimate specimen, whose black velvet gown leaves her breasts fully exposed to the winds, but reality returns at the 59th entry when Saint Laurent steps up to accompany the bride. Bloated and shaky on his feet, he lives up to his reputation as fashion's most tortured soul, a fragile genius whom France views as a national treasure.

The magic over, the mêlée starts back-stage. The giraffes are dabbing off their make-up behind racks of clothes as Saint Laurent greets Deneuve and his other admirers, including his biggest fan, his mother. His lip trembles and he seems disoriented when asked why he still goes on. "It's to make women happy," he says. "Yes, I am going to continue for ever." Nearby stands Pierre Bergé, the entrepreneur-impresario who discovered M Saint Laurent in a psychiatric hospital when he was invalided out of military service and became his partner in business and life.

M Bergé is having what Americans might call a bad hair year. Not only is YSL losing money and the champagne industry trying to stop it using its name for a new scent, but he and the couturier are under investigation by the watchdogs of the Paris stock exchange for suspected insider trading. Surely the slump of couture and the shadow of criminal suspicion are making life rather miserable? "Not at all. It makes it more amusing," he says playfully. "We've had our troubles before. Now they're coming all together."

Anyway, he insists, haute couture is finished and Yves will be the last of the great masters. "The business is building its dreams on a myth from the past. No-one has or will ever be able to construct a human equal to the greats, Chanel, Dior or Saint Laurent."

But surely designers will go on presenting their dreams? "I don't know if the others are selling dreams or their nightmares," he says, before blending back into the beautiful people.

CHARLES BREMNER

The odd couple: Yves Saint Laurent and a model in bridal gown

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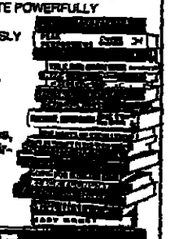

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The organ they thought was redundant . . . viral infections . . . and why eye pads are suddenly out of fashion

We need spleens

THE BBC announced recently that it was to axe Esther Rantzen's programme *That's Life*, but fortunately not before the programme was able to warn patients who had had a splenectomy, removal of the spleen, of the increased dangers they run thereafter of dying from an acute infection. *That's Life* publicised a leaflet written by Dr Richard Mayon-White, a consultant in public health at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, on the hazards of overwhelming post-splenectomy infection (OPSI).

Only a generation ago parents who were asked to give permission for their children to have a splenectomy were reassured that the spleen was an organ we could all do without. This advice was dangerously simplistic. It is true that people can live their everyday lives quite unaffected by the absence of their spleen, but the spleen has a valuable role in fighting infections in general, and in particular bacterial infections from *Pneunomococcal pneumoniae*, *Meningococcal meningitis* and *Haemophilus influenzae*.

Otherwise well adults who have had a spleen removed because of injury have eight times the chances of dying from an acute infection such as pneumonia or meningitis; from childhood the

figures are even worse. The mortality from infection in children who have had a splenectomy is 50 times as great as it is for their intact contemporaries.

General Practitioner magazine reports that two other GPs, Dr Peter Baddeley, from Gloucester, and Dr Gordon Scott, from Oxford, have joined Dr Mayon-White in his campaign to increase awareness of the measures which guard against overwhelming post-splenectomy infection.

After a splenectomy, however fit patients may be, they should consult a doctor whenever they develop a fever, severe sore throat or cough. Meningitis is not confined to children and so adults who have had a splenectomy have increased vulnerability to bacterial meningitis, and should be on their guard if they develop a severe headache, particularly if accompanied by drowsiness, nausea or a rash.

Prophylactic penicillin should be given for two years after a splenectomy, and in young children, who when a baby lost their spleens, until at least the age of five. Any patient who has had a splenectomy, or has a diseased spleen, should be up to date with their routine immunisations and should discuss with their doctor the possibility of having immunisation with pneumococcal vaccine and also *Haemophilus* vaccine (Hib).

The dangers associated with splenectomy also apply to those whose spleens have suffered because of disease. Among the comparatively common conditions which can affect the spleen are coeliac disease, lupus erythematosus (SLE), lymphomas such as Hodgkin's disease, and leukaemia. Other blood diseases such as sickle cell disease and thalassaemia, usually found in immigrant patients or their descendants, are also frequent causes of splenic malfunction.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Blame a bug

THE QUEEN, and many other residents at Sandringham, suffered earlier this year from an outbreak of the Norwalk virus, one of the causes of viral gastroenteritis. Viral gastroenteritis is a self-limiting disease so that, so

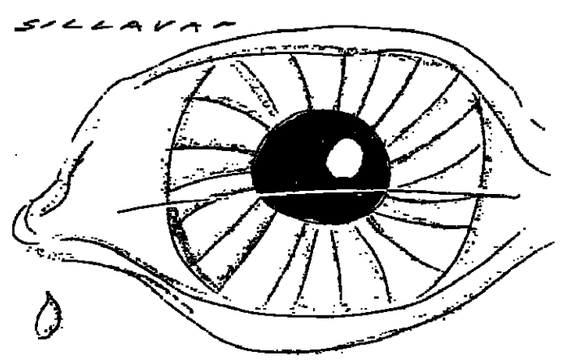
Patten: admitted to hospital

long as the appropriate fluids are taken, dehydration is avoided and the worst of the symptoms are controlled, nature and time ensure a complete cure. The Queen was very soon back at work, after only a day or two confined to her room. John Patten, the education secretary, seemed less fortunate and has had to be admitted to hospital. Or perhaps queens are tougher than ministers.

British doctors are sometimes apt to blame viral infections for otherwise inexplicable symptoms, whereas the French invariably suspect the liver. Be that as it may, in the last 20 years the electron microscope, and more recently various microbiological tests, have isolated several groups of viruses which do in fact often cause non-bacterial gastroenteritis. Those infections due to bacteria, such as salmonella, campylobacter or giardiasis, are comparatively easily identified in the laboratory, and can be treated with antibiotics.

When a presumptive diagnosis of viral gastroenteritis has been made on the clinical history alone — loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal pain of varying severity together with flu-like symptoms of headache — the clinical diagnosis later has to be confirmed in the laboratory. Other causes of persistent diarrhoea must also be excluded by X-ray studies and endoscopy; hence the need, presumably, to admit Mr Patten.

One bit of good news: Lomotil, the pill that provides symptomatic relief of diarrhoea, which has been in short supply recently following manufacturing problems, will soon be available again both for holiday-makers and MPs.



Not a patch

CASUALTY patients are increasingly deprived of the bandages, splints and even stitches which excited sympathy from family and friends, and clearly demonstrated to those around them that they had suffered an injury and were perhaps still enduring pain.

Lacerations are now often treated with butterfly plasters, less impressive than stitches; fractured ribs are no longer strapped; and the dramatic figure-of-eight bandage which in the past was wrapped around the shoulders after a collar-bone had been fractured are seen no more.

The latest group of casualties who may lose their bandages are those who have suffered corneal abrasions of the eye. An eye-pad, particularly if held in place by a bandage, could be guaranteed to engender tender loving care; but no longer, for research workers at the Bristol Eye Hospital suggest that covering the eye may delay the healing of an abrasion.

The magazine *Eye* reports that 42 patients attending the hospital with corneal abrasions were either treated with chloramphenicol, homatropine and an eye-pad, or the same drops but without the pad. The recovery time in those who were also prescribed a pad was 25 per cent longer; possibly, the doctors thought, because the eye was being kept at too high a temperature, that it was being deprived or oxygen, or because there was a greater tendency to secondary infection.

British dentists won't follow rules that will save patients' lives

Kimberley Bergalis (left) died aged 19 after her dentist David Acer (right) removed two molars. Five other patients also died. Were his poorly sterilised instruments to blame?

Tom Mangold reports on his disturbing investigation that shows 80 per cent of dental surgeons risk spreading the Aids virus and other highly infectious diseases via unsterilised drills

One of the more ominous events in dental history has just taken place in the United States. A Florida practitioner, David Acer, in a unique occurrence, infected six of his patients with the HIV virus. Yet in Britain the event is ignored, pooh-poohed, or, when investigated by *Panorama*, dubbed "scaremongering" and "alarmist" by the very dentists whose cavalier attitude to dental infection control is little short of a national disgrace.

In 1986 David Acer, a promiscuous homosexual, developed Aids. A year later, Kimberly Bergalis, 19, and one of his regular patients, visited him to have two molars removed. Three years later, Bergalis, a pretty, blonde student, and a virgin, was diagnosed as HIV positive. Because she was an "NIR" (No Identifiable Risk) the health investigators were drawn, first to her doctor and then to her dentist. Shortly before her death from Aids, Bergalis successfully sued the Acer estate for $1 million.

Suspicion clung to Acer until his death in 1990. Shortly after, when more of his patients were tested, another five were found to have the virus. One of them is a 62-year-old grandmother.

On his deathbed, Acer gave investigators some blood. Ironically they had originally sought this to prove that his virus was *not* responsible for the other six infections. But the state of DNA sequencing had advanced so dramatically that they were able to compare DNA "signatures" of his virus with the other six. Acer's virus was indeed responsible for all six infections with a 99.994 per cent degree of certainty. The implications for dentists from Los Angeles to Littlehampton are awesome. It used to be that the HIV virus could only be transmited by birth, sex, the needle or transfusion. This, however, is something else. Everyone goes to the dentists.

The issue at first focused on the dangers of gay healthcare workers infecting their patients. But this was to miss a far more potent point. Could it be even remotely possible that the HIV virus had found a new route of transmission?

We know Acer did not have covert sex with his victims; we know he did not murder them, for he was a kind and gentle man who, once the awful truth emerged, did his best to help the authorities.

The American health investigators eventually favoured the option that Acer's infected blood somehow entered the blood of his patients. Scientifically feasible, sure, but statistically almost impossible. Acer would have had to bleed into the mouths of thousands of patients to score six direct hits. His surgery would have had to resemble an abattoir. Yet none of his patients or his nurses and hygienists can recall his bleeding even once. In fact the average dentist accidentally pricks or cuts himself only once or twice a year. Although the Centres for Disease Control who investigated the case retain this sequence as their preferred option, the prestigious Government Accounting Office, the GAO, who supervised and double-checked the CDC investigation on behalf of the US Congress, retain a more flexible attitude, especially in the light of new evidence which implicates the standard dental equipment used by Acer as a possible mode of transmission.

The high or low speed handpieces could have been infected either by his blood or the blood of his lovers. Acer certainly was his own patient in the sense that he used his own equipment to clean his teeth, especially after developing Karposi's Sarcoma cancers in his mouth. It was also established that he used free dental treatment as a lure to the young rent boys he often picked up at gay clubs. His steady lover was also HIV positive.

The handpiece is the dentist's stock tool, the fat pen-like motor which holds the drill or the cleaning head. It is usually driven by compressed air. There are several places in the handpiece through which blood and tissue can be retracted. The key question is whether HIV-contaminated blood could have entered the handpiece and subsequently been expelled, perhaps as a fine aerosol mixture of blood droplet, water and air, directly into the victims' mouths in the course of normal invasive surgery or mere tooth cleaning (itself usually a bloody procedure). Most patients suffer small, mouth wounds during dental work, which do leave openings for direct blood to blood infection every bit as efficient as anal intercourse or intravenous drug use.

Work done by a microbiologist in Georgia, by an Aids programme manager at the University of California in Los Angeles and by our own Public Health Laboratories offer supportive proof that:

☐ Blood containing the HIV virus can enter the handpiece (and tooth cleaning angles attached to the handpiece), stay there, and be expelled. Tests show fragments of the HIV virus can survive the entire journey. There is no reason to believe anything happens to the virus inside the handpiece that might kill it.

☐ The longevity of the HIV virus, *in vitro* at room temperature is much greater than previously imagined — days, possibly weeks rather than hours.

☐ Cross-infection through the handpiece need not happen sequentially. The virus, once retracted, may be expelled to the very next patient, or jump a few, and infect say, the tenth patient. The whole deadly business is as predictable as Russian roulette.

The Americans have responded promptly and firmly. The Federal Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta are not waiting for the next "Acer Cluster", (any more than McDonnell Douglas waited for the second DC10 crash before fixing the cargo door faults on their planes). They have issued tough new guidelines that will be adopted as law by many individual states, strongly urging dentists to heat sterilise their handpieces *between every patient*. This process, also known as autoclaving, involves "cooking" the handpiece in a small oven. It is the only guaranteed method of killing the HIV virus and all known pathogens. Several states, including Ohio and Washington, have now made this practice mandatory and employ "teeth police" to check on dentists at random. Those caught cheating can be and are suspended from practice.

In Britain tradition, old boyism and blind trust still rule. The Department of Health has yet to issue a "Dear Dentist" letter on the findings and implications of the Acer case (although as a result of *Panorama*'s programme this week the prime minister did seem to be promising a DoH enquiry at question time in the House on Monday). The department advises dentists to follow the British Dental Association voluntary guidelines, which merely advise dentists to autoclave their handpieces between patients. Sadly, most British dentists could not give a hoot about guidelines, and a recent survey conducted by Dr Jeremy Bagg at the University of Glasgow showed that eight out of ten do not follow the advice. Our own aggregate of other independent surveys confirms this scandalous figure.

British dentists dislike autoclaving between patients for reasons of pure profit. The process degrades the handpieces more quickly than the traditional and largely ineffective chemical disinfection methods. New handpieces cost some £500 each and a dentist needs more of them, more frequently, to meet the guidelines. So the majority do not bother. The patient will never know anyway. The only form of sanction that does exist is through the General Dental Council, and a dentist can theoretically be struck off for failing to observe the infection control guidelines. None have been so dealt with since the Aids epidemic began.

"Ah," say the dentists, "the Acer cluster is unique. There are no other recorded cases. Here go the 'meejah' again, stirring up discontent, frightening patients away. Times are hard enough anyway." What are the real risks of catching HIV at the dentist? The truth is, we just do not know how many Acer clusters exist. It would be prohibitively expensive to conduct the research to try to find out.

The problem of course lies in the time gap between infection and the first development of Aids-related symptoms. On average this is at least eight years. Who, after all that time, would suspect their dentist as the source of the infection? In America there are some 84 children who are HIV positive but have absolutely no identifiable risk; and some 500 adults in a similar category. They are not promiscuous, homosexual, drug users nor have they received blood transfusions. No one is saying they all acquired their infections at the dentist, but health workers are now asking more questions. In Britain, where our statistics are less detailed, it is not possible to distinguish no-risk cases from low-risk. Nevertheless, there are some 200 or so low-risk cases of HIV infection. Several infectious disease specialists believe that a small but significant number of the US and British cases may have emanated from dental surgeries. We may never know unless chance disclosures such as in the Acer case happen again.

In Massachusetts, Jim Sharpe, a low-risk businessman, happily married, has become HIV positive. Tests failed to establish any conceivable source until Sharpe recalled a particularly bloody tooth extraction "splinter by splinter" several years ago. His dentist then practised in a socio-economically depressed area and his patients included drug addicts, prostitutes and homosexuals.

Sharpe is suing his dentist and has already cleared the first formidable hurdle of a state Medical Malpractice Board (he stood to forfeit $6,000 if he failed) by presenting sufficiently convincing evidence of the potential source of infection.

In Britain, when we intercepted handpieces sent for repair to a manufacturer, we discovered pieces encrusted with blood and oral detritus. (There is another wholly ignored guideline which forbids the sending of these filthy handpieces by post.) We selected one at random and had a top oral microbiologist at the University of Liverpool scrape off the cutely named "bioburden" and have it cultured. The result: a charming cocktail comprising *Candida albicans* (oral thrush), *Staphylococcus aureus* (which normally causes pus-forming infections such as boils, and is potentially lethal) and *Escherichia coli* (which lives in the bowel, causes diarrhoea and heaven only knows what it was doing thriving in a dental handpiece). So much for one dentist's hygiene standards.

The threat of Aids at the dentists remains small but significant. It can only grow proportionately as the epidemic grows worldwide. Several hours *before* transmission of our cautionary tale, the British Dental Association and the General Dental Practitioners Association condemned it as "wicked", "mischievous" and "frightening". Then the BDA promptly set up a 12-telephone emergency helpline for members who were overwhelmed with pertinent questions by their patients the next morning. None of this must be allowed to detract from the growing evidence that infection control in British practices is seriously wanting.

"Trust me, I'm a dentist" — well not any more and not until dentists bother to learn about the detail and the implications of the Acer case. And certainly not until they stop ignoring infection control guidelines drawn up specifically to reduce the risk of catching HIV at the dentists from small to zero.

If British dentists cannot, or will not, observe these guidelines then it may be time for the Department of Health to find a few teeth of its own and implement these regulations with the full force of the law.

Dental Aids claim investigated

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the health secretary, is to examine claims made by BBC's *Panorama* that dental patients are running a risk of contracting Central related the programme's claim that the motors used to drive dentists' drills and cleaning devices can harbour pathogens, including mended by the British Dental Association to kill these organisms.

Mr Major replied that he had not seen *Panorama*, but

The health secretary is to investigate *Panorama*'s report

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When the Speaker says the courts must not challenge Parliament, is constitutional crisis looming?

Boothroyd takes on the judges

Tony Benn says Parliament must reassert its supremacy

Yesterday afternoon, Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker of the House of Commons, made a statement of huge constitutional importance.

She told the judges that the Bill of Rights was statute law, and that article 9, which she quoted in full, states: "That the freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament."

By reaffirming the ancient constitutional principle that the House of Commons does not interfere with the jurisdiction of the courts and the courts do not interfere with the jurisdiction of the House of Commons, the Speaker fired a warning shot across the bows of the judges.

The decision of Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Auld to hear a case brought to the courts by Lord Rees-Mogg in relation to the European Communities (Amendment) Bill, now an act, appears to breach that principle.

On Tuesday morning, I wrote to the Speaker arguing that this case could constitute a breach of privilege, and seeking her support for the matter to be referred to the Committee of Privileges. In the event, the Speaker went much further yesterday than I had asked, and, without waiting for the Committee of Privileges to meet and report, she made a clear and unambiguous statement with all the authority of her office, reasserting the rights of the Commons against any challenge from outside.

> The royal prerogative in signing treaties was always exempt from parliamentary control

Not only will the Speaker's statement be central on Monday when the judges will have to consider whether they have authority to try Lord Rees-Mogg's case, but it also reopens the issue of whether the process of judicial reviews does not of itself run the risk of infringing the Bill of Rights.

It has always been open to the courts to examine ministers acting under statute and to determine whether their decisions were or were not legal. But it is quite another thing to extend that principle, as happened when the House of Lords gave its judgment in the Pepper *v* Hart case and accepted that speeches made in the Commons could be examined to see what light they throw of the intention of the statutes which the courts have to determine.

This had never been allowed before, and indeed in my own peerage case before the Election Court in 1963, when I brought evidence to show that the renunciation of peerages had been ruled out by the House of Lords only to protect themselves from the Crown, the two judges determined that "the reason for an act of Parliament cannot be taken into account when interpreting it".

But in Pepper *v* Hart, the Lords, acting in their judicial capacity, reversed that, and by means of judicial review may well be opening the door for any ministerial or other speech in the House of Commons to be scrutinised and interpreted in order to make sense of the statute which emerged from those debates.

Such an incursion into the proceedings of the House of Commons represents a major shift of political power from an elected chamber to a bench of judges appointed by use of the royal prerogative through the Lord Chancellor.

Lord Rees-Mogg's argument that his court case is directed to control the royal prerogative and not the Commons misses the point. The royal prerogative in making war, signing treaties, making laws in Brussels and appointing judges has always been exempt from parliamentary control. Clement Attlee used the royal prerogative of treaty-making to allow American forces to be based in Britain and to sign the Nato treaty; and Edward Heath used it to sign the treaty of accession to the European Community, without having to consult Parliament. The people who should control the prerogative are in Parliament and not the courts.

Some indication of the arrogance of executive power came recently when an unnamed government spokesman argued that as Lord Rees-Mogg's case was now before the courts, it was *sub judice*, so the Commons could not debate the order relating to the social chapter.

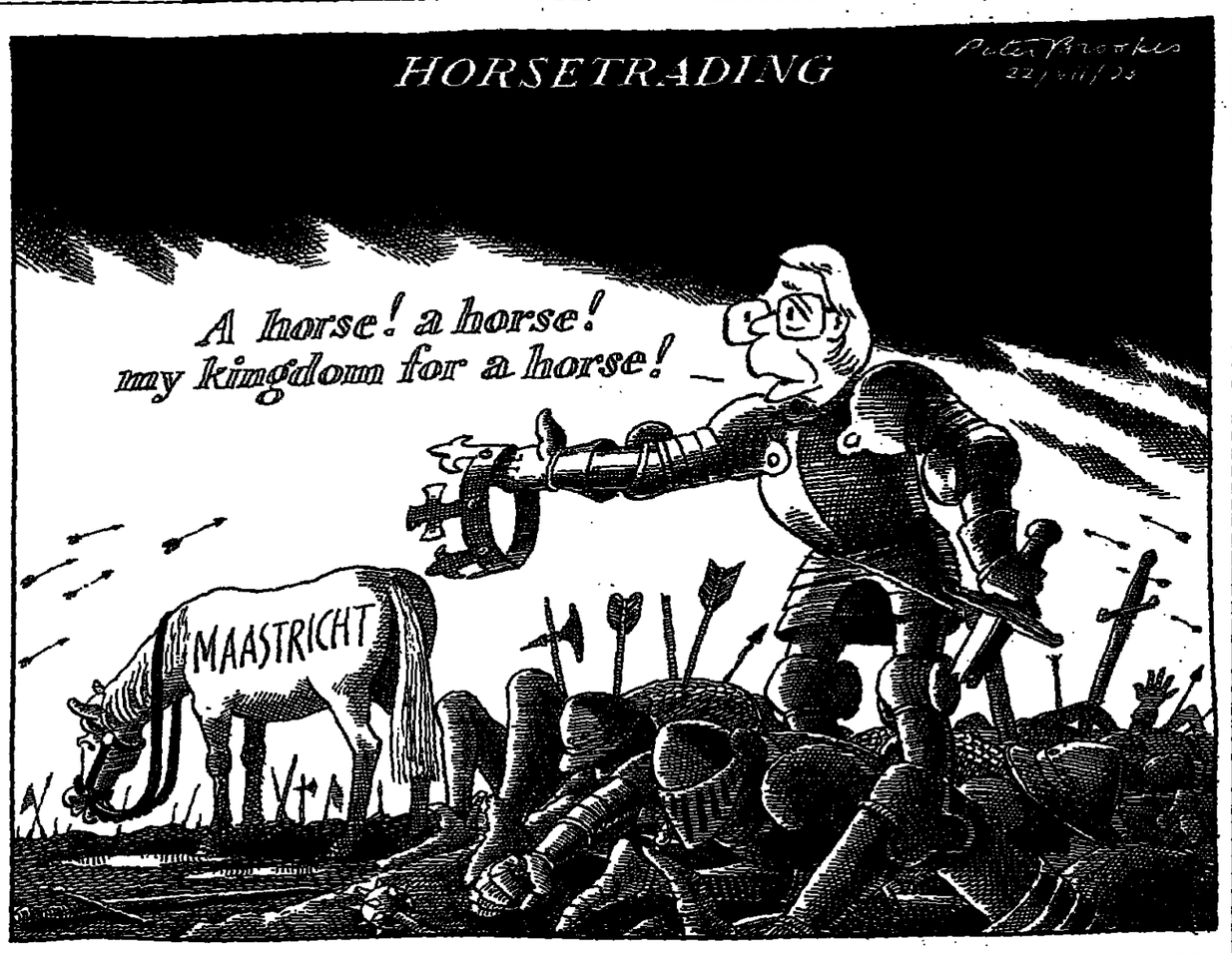
Questions of *sub judice* in the Commons are a matter for the Speaker, not the executive, and it is quite clear that the Speaker does not accept that the Commons can be restricted by a court case as interpreted by a law officer.

I am, of course, totally opposed to the Maastricht treaty, because it transfers power from the Commons to unelected commissioners in Brussels and gives to the European Court a jurisdiction that is binding on the British courts.

But the issue here is not dissimilar. If the Commons were to capitulate to a claim of jurisdiction by the British courts, a similar transfer of political power would be taking place. It would be open to anyone who disliked legislation to ask the courts to intervene, and that would effectively cancel out the authority of any future government.

It may seem strange that issues which were fought out so bitterly in the 17th century should be coming back onto the agenda now. But of course with British membership of the EC, all law-making in Brussels is by the royal prerogative of treaty-making, and Parliament is unable to amend or reject it.

That is why the Speaker Boothroyd's statement yesterday can be compared to that made by Speaker Lenthall, when he told Charles I he had no business to interfere with the House of Commons.



Democracy at stake

The aim of the judicial review is to save the Commons from its ministers

William Rees-Mogg

In 1968, Lawrence Gander, then the editor of *The Rand Daily Mail*, published a series of articles by Benjamin Pogrund about the scandalous state of South African prisons. Both men were prosecuted under a South African law which prohibited reporting on prison conditions. *The Rand Daily Mail* asked me to go out to Johannesburg to give expert witness as Editor of *The Times*. I met the defence team, which was led by a liberal South African barrister, Sydney Kentridge, who took me through my examination.

Last Monday I found myself again in open court with Sydney Kentridge, but this time on the opposing side. He was leading for the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in my application for judicial review of the Treaty on European Union. I am not quite sure what the proper etiquette is when an old friend is opposing counsel, so we shook hands and he commented that we seem to meet in the most unexpected places. In fact, I was very pleased that he had taken the case. Nothing could do more to ensure the equality of the argument in a case which has already established a major constitutional precedent, and seems likely to establish others.

The first precedent was indeed established by Mr Kentridge; he was of course acting on instructions. He said that the government did not wish to oppose the application for judicial review, although it was a matter for the court to grant, and that the Maastricht treaty would not be ratified until the legal proceedings were disposed of, although the government reserved the right to notice if that position changed. The court did grant leave. The judicial review is of course a review of the use of the prerogative, which is well established, and not of the conduct of Parliament. The Speaker rightly rejected Tony Benn's argument that it was a contempt of the House of Commons.

Lord Hailsham, in his valuable article in *The Times* yesterday, pointed to the significance of this concession by the government. "It is not too much to say that before the development of the process of judicial review, no one would have believed it possible to challenge before the judiciary the constitutionality of ministers' use of their treaty-making powers based on the prerogative, subject always to their total accountability to Parliament either in its political or in its legislative capacity." In fact, the challenge is on the basis that Parliament has not legislated to cover the ratification of key elements in the Maastricht treaty, but, subject to that, Lord Hailsham is right. The government conceded that the treaty-making power is open to judicial review in the courts, and that is a major precedent.

There is one obvious reply to Lord Hailsham's expressed fear that some of the political and legislative powers of Parliament are being transferred to the courts. Lord Hailsham himself has consistently voted for the Treaty on European Union. This transfers major powers, particularly in finance and foreign and defence policy, from the United Kingdom Parliament to Brussels. That transfer of powers is infinitely greater than the transfer which could arise from judicial review. Anyone who supports the Union Treaty, but cavils at judicial review, is indeed straining at a gnat while swallowing a camel.

If the Union Treaty is ratified, the United Kingdom Parliament, and particularly the House of Commons, will have lost the major part of its powers and will have transferred to a European federal system authority in most of the central matters of government. Despite evasive interpretation, that is clearly what the treaty says. As the word "subsidiarity" suggests, the Treaty on European Union makes Britain, as well as Germany, France and the others of the 12, subsidiary powers in a non-democratic federal system. Those who have supported such a transfer have little reason to worry that the mere residue of governmental power should be open to review in the British courts.

Federal systems mean that the courts have to determine a wider range of what would once have been thought to be political issues. The early stages of the movement of Europe towards federalism have seen the rapid growth of the power of the European Court. The German Federal Republic has a constitutional court to defend and interpret the German constitution. The Supreme Court in the United States has a similar role. A federal state depends on having different powers, the senior and the subordinate. Only the courts can determine which of these powers has authority over a particular matter, and whether that authority has been exercised in a constitutional way.

It is no accident that judicial review in Britain, as Lord Hailsham observes "is an innovation dating from the 1970s". We joined the EC in 1973. From that point on there could be an appeal to the European Court on matters derived from our signature and ratification of the Treaty of Rome. Inevitably the British courts had to adapt to the new European structure. Equally inevitably the Treaty on European Union is bound to accelerate that process, and in last Monday's successful application has already done so. The effect on the Union Treaty is not only to make Westminster a subordinate legislature to Brussels, but to make the British courts subordinate in broad areas to the European Court itself.

Under Title V of the treaty, foreign policy becomes the responsibility of the European Union. This transfer may be quite slow, as policies will have to be agreed step by step, in principle by unanimity, and then in practice by majority vote. Once in place the policies are binding, and can only be changed through the same prodedures in the European Union. Since 1972, Britain has not been free to sign a separate trade treaty, because trade is a European matter. When the European foreign policies have been completed, it seems unlikely that Britain will be free to sign any significant treaty on a separate basis.

Since 1972 the European Court has been the senior court in matters of European competence. The effect of the Maastricht treaty is to extend the European competence from trade and agriculture to finance, foreign affairs and defence. The European Court has powers over trade and finance, but will have none over foreign policy or defence. In so far as our courts have rights of judicial review, they will be comparable to those of the senior courts in individual states in America or the German *Länder*. They will be the senior courts of a subsidiary authority.

When I was in the House of Lords on Tuesday night to vote against the third reading of the Maastricht Bill, I heard an elderly peer point me out as "the troublesome Lord Rees-Mogg". I took it as a compliment.

Those of us who oppose ratification of the treaty are making trouble to defend the basic institutions of the British constitution, and particularly Parliament and the courts. The treaty signs away all the major powers of Parliament. Parliament will lose some powers immediately, some in five years' time, some in ten. By the same process the courts lose their ultimate powers.

I could accept this — however regretfully — on two conditions. The first would be that the transfer should be from a democratic body to another democratic body. If the proposition were to disembowel the House of Commons as it is, and transplant the guts of Parliament into a democratic European system, that might be tolerable. But of course the European Union is not democratic, but bureaucratic. The second condition would be that this transfer of power should have had the clear approval of Parliament and the British people. Despite the Maastricht Bill, Parliament has not been asked to approve important parts of the transfer. Parliament has not been fully consulted. The people have not been consulted at all.

In these circumstances it must be right to make sure that the constitutional processes are — as the Maastricht treaty itself requires — appropriate to the task. My legal advisers believe that they are not, and that is the argument which will be tested. I believe that Title V, in particular, should have been approved by Parliament. To give away foreign and defence policy, without even asking for parliamentary approval, is extraordinary. From the date of ratification the essentials of political authority will move from Westminster democracy to Brussels bureaucracy; we have no reason to believe that is what the British people want: at least we must make sure that what is done is not illegal.

Avoid a chapter of disasters

Social costs would set back the EC, says **Michael Angus**

Tonight's vote on the Maastricht social chapter opt-out is, to those of us who have not served for the past two years in the party whips' offices, a somewhat mysterious affair. Complex political cross-currents make the voting intentions of many MPs hard to predict, and possibly even harder to interpret.

Of course business wants to see Maastricht ratified: get it out of the way, get on with building the single market. But apart from this, beneath the intra-party political strife lies an important issue for British business, one which ought to be the real subject of the debate and ought to determine the votes of those who participate in it. The issue is the social chapter and its effect on British business and jobs.

Siren voices argue that we can safely sign up to the social chapter because it is, for now, little more than a pious declaration of intent, with few immediate practical consequences. This is not the case.

Some aspects of the social chapter are indeed hard to disagree with. In the areas of health and safety, for example, the United Kingdom is well in advance of most European practices. However, the parts of the chapter which deal with social provisions — such as the sections dealing with the information and consultation of workers and their working conditions — are full of danger. Here national practices vary greatly. And yet on these critical matters the chapter introduces the principle of qualified majority voting. Thus, with no power to veto such proposals, Britain could have imposed upon it practices which do not fit our industrial culture. These would add to costs, inhibit competitiveness and cost jobs.

Brussels could lay down rules damaging to British industry on matters which should be governed by national needs and priorities. Central direction would increase, whereas the real necessity is to reduce the ability of Brussels to interfere in local industrial practices.

We do not deny the Community a role in labour and social affairs. But it should be confined to areas in which action at Community level can add value. Even then, it should usually be confined to "framework directives" — those that establish general principles of good practice, leaving employers and employees to work out the details for themselves.

The European Works Council Directive, which all European employer bodies oppose, is a case in point. We accept that good-practice employers should consult employees fully on matters of importance to them. But the circumstances in which that consultation takes place may reasonably vary from place to place. A works council model developed in Germany is quite out of place in our more fragmented, decentralised bargaining structure.

All sorts of different approaches are to be found in the European Community; as far as employers are concerned there are just two common strands: a desire to resist the universal template that the directive would impose upon all, and a determination to promote effective employee involvement in ways that best suit the individual workplaces.

If the Community's role in social affairs is interpreted in this way, there is no need for the social chapter. The Treaty of Rome, as amended by the Single European Act, already provides a perfectly adequate legal base for Community action on, for example, health and safety or the promotion of equal opportunities.

Community interference in such social policies is far more likely to destroy jobs than enhance their quality. There are now some 18 million people unemployed in the Community, about 11 per cent of the workforce, which is a far higher proportion than elsewhere in the developed world. One reason is that European labour markets are inflexible: another is that non-wage labour costs (many imposed by Community legislation) are far higher than in competitor countries. These points are now accepted by employers across Europe.

There are signs that this message is being heard. In the autumn, the new social affairs commissioner Padraig Flynn is producing a green paper on social Europe. That will be followed by a white paper from President Delors, felicitously entitled "Competitiveness, Growth, Employment".

As recession takes hold elsewhere in Europe, and the impact on employment of high social costs is increasingly understood, there is a sporting chance that in the next six months we can check what would otherwise be a damaging trend in European social policy. But only, I think, if the government stands firm on its social chapter opt-out, which has served to focus minds elsewhere in Europe.

A Commons vote tonight leading to inclusion of the social chapter in the ratified Maastricht treaty would set back the cause of common sense and competitiveness in Europe by several years. Members of Parliament should bear that in mind as they wrestle with their consciences today.

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Staying deep blue

IT WAS one of the most devastating attacks on a Tory government by a Police Federation chairman. But as Alan Eastwood revelled in the deafening applause from some 20,000 police officers at Wembley Arena on Tuesday, he sensibly refrained from letting slip all his views on the Conservative party.

Eastwood is considering a career as a Tory MP or Tory MEP after he stands down as chairman at the end of August — a disclosure which rather cuts across the bows of his raging speech against market forces and the Sheehy proposals.

Conservative Central Office refuses to discuss its candidates list. But Eastwood has sounded out Smith Square officials about the possibility of fighting a seat at the next election. His father was a long-serving Tory party agent to Enoch Powell when he was MP for Wolverhampton South West. Eastwood was also a member of the Young Conservatives.

For its part, the Tory party is not averse to his overtures — he could help re-establish the Conservative's parlous image as a party of law and order. "It's only an informal approach from him to us at this stage," says one tight-lipped party official.

Fighting talk

MORE Maastricht infighting, prompted by our note yesterday on Euro-sceptic MP Nicholas Budgen's plans to build 15 homes on his Staffordshire doorstep, to the fury of local residents.

Budgen is reportedly threatening not to vote for Michael Fabricant, his constituency MP in Staffordshire, at the next general election because he supported the government in the Maastricht paving debate last November. In turn, Fabricant is threatening to object to Budgen's planning application — unless Budgen votes for the government in today's Maastricht debate.

● *Baroness Thatcher was making good her escape yesterday as peers were ratifying the Maastricht treaty. She left London for Moscow where she will receive yet another honorary doctorate today. But the Russian press is much more interested in her appointment at lunchtime. Lady Thatcher will be calling in on her old friend Mikhail Gorbachev. Not so much a man to do business with as a shoulder to cry on.*

Making news

JAMES Naughtie's promotion from presenter of *The World at One* to John Humphrys's sidekick on the *Today* programme is not just good news for Naughtie. It also bodes well for Nick Clarke who, as well as presenting *The World This Weekend*, he is the backup for Naughtie on *The World at One*.

Clarke is understood to have been backing Naughtie's bid for the *Today* seat, in the hope that he could take his place on *The World at One*. Clarke is also said to have secured an important backer in Tony Hall, managing director of news and current affairs. "We will make the choice soon. We want to avoid another round of speculation like we had over the *Today* job," pleads a BBC spokesman.

Pipped at post

RADIO 4 had listeners falling out of their beds yesterday with a shock announcement: "The prime minister has resigned." Was John Major not man enough, after all, to suffer the humiliation of possible defeat over Maastricht?

Not a bit of it. The statement came just on the pips before the *Today* news bulletin at 7.00am. But as consternation broke out, the announcer continued: "Harold Wilson today shocked his Cabinet . . ." The memorable words, from 1976, were simply a trailer for the serialisation of Tony Benn's diaries.

Pole-axed

GRIM times for borscht-loving Poles in London. Daquise, the capital's oldest Polish restaurant and a home-from-home for Polish emigrés since the second world war, is threatened with demolition. It could be bulldozed next spring if redevelopment plans for South Kensington Tube station go ahead.

In true Polish spirit, the restaurant is to fight the plans. Over a tipple or two of vodka, it is drawing up a petition which already has 500 signatures, including, it says, that of the Polish ambassador Tadeusz de Virion.

The news upsets Edward Raczynski, Polish ambassador to Britain at the outbreak of the second world war and who, from 1969 to 1976, was president of the Polish government-in-exile. Now 101, he says he will miss Daquise very much. "It is a very lively place with good food. I will sign the petition, most definitely."

Military memories

WRITING one's memoirs can never be easy, but for a former SAS commander it must be well-nigh impossible. What can be included? What must be cut out for security reasons? Sir Peter de la Billière, commander of British forces in the Gulf war, is battling with the dilemmas.

De la Billière is already halfway through his autobiography, *Looking for Trouble*, which will be published next autumn by HarperCollins. On Tuesday, he visited Willie Whitelaw, who was, of course, home secretary when de la Billière masterminded the Iranian embassy siege, for a spot of advice. "We discussed the siege when I saw him," he said. "But it was almost more difficult knowing what I could put in my book on the Gulf war, *Storm Command*. The Ministry of Defence was not keen on it."

There may be a silver lining to this particular censorious cloud, however. DLB, as he is affectionately known by his publishers, explains: "It's probably a good thing. I've already written too much."

REASON AND CONSCIENCE

The Tory rebels should not be swayed by threats

Nothing can be said now that has not been said before. After 19 miserable months of démarche, airy dismissals and deception, few politicians can begin today's Maastricht debates with the hope that new ideas will end their indecisiveness. Millions of words about the treaty have been spoken — and many will be repeated in the House of Commons tonight. Will this blighted document survive its final parliamentary outing? Will John Major survive this severest test of his already severely tested prime ministership? A tiny number of Conservatives and Ulster Unionists — swayed by threats and conscience, bribery and reason, doubts and more doubts — will decide.

Today the loudest sounds are those of blandishment and menace. For the Ulstermen there is the aged remedy of money and more attention. For the Tory sceptics the refrain of the whips has become a mantra: that constituencies will not forgive members who defy their government, weaken their prime minister and vote, for whatever reason, with the Labour enemy.

It is hardly surprising that among some Conservative rebels the reiteration of such threats has produced results. This is by any standards a strange case upon which to risk a career. The determined anti-Maastricht Tory has to vote in favour of intrusive social legislation by Brussels in order to kill both the Social Chapter and the treaty. He or she must try to stop a central piece of government policy after it has already become an act of Parliament. The rebel must also risk accelerating the day when John Major falls and Kenneth Clarke, a much wider-eyed enthusiast for European union, might take over.

It must inevitably be tempting to take instead the plaudits of columnists and colleagues, accept the nation's gratitude for frightening the federalists and retire with the assurance of a job well done. The aim of all must be for a Europe in which every EC nation gains greater freedom to choose where and how to co-operate. If any of the Conservative protesters is satisfied with the achievement so far and confident that Mr Major can dominate the post-Maastricht agenda, protect free markets and best propel Europe into a secure future, so be it.

Those, however, that are not persuaded by their own powers of reason should not be cowed by threats. Still less should they be swayed by other charges, such as that they are being boring and wearisome. According to *The Daily Telegraph* on Tuesday, Mr Major should ignore a losing vote and "take whatever steps *seem* politically prudent and legally acceptable to remove the Maastricht treaty from the political agenda". This government will be harried and wearied to its end if it tries to make that wishful thought into reality.

The British people will not bear it. The British people know what is happening better than do the commentators who deplore the national unconcern. To vote with an opposition party on tactical grounds is not an idea alien to loyal Tory voters — as thousands in Christchurch are once again about to prove. To vote against an act of Parliament is hardly a treasonable matter when the bill would never have become an act without the concession of the "ticking time bomb" social chapter motion that is to be debated tonight.

Most importantly, to be a rebel on this issue is not to reject the opinions of Conservative ministers, fellow MPs and Tory voters. If those who plan to defy John Major tonight were rebels without colleagues or cause, they could more readily be reviled by the government. But they have many sympathisers in Westminster who for various reasons have not revealed themselves — and everyone in Westminster knows it. They have even more sympathisers in the country — and that would have been clear if the country had been given the referendum it deserved.

This is perhaps the least free vote of a session of viciously whipped votes. But that is no reason to decry the determination of those who wish to exert their freedom. "His unbiased opinion, his mature judgment, his enlightened conscience, he ought not to sacrifice to you, to any man, or to any set of men living." Edmund Burke told the electors of Bristol in 1774; "they are a trust from Providence, for the abuse of which he is deeply answerable." It is a brave MP who would tell his whip today that "your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion." But those MPs who do deploy that argument deserve better than to be patronised — "rather splendid", the London *Evening Standard* called the rebellion on Tuesday — and crude threats from those who mind the government's machine.

The votes tonight may be arcane. But they are part of a process that is vital for the future of Britain and its continental allies. Curious alliances and complex procedures have always occurred when the issue facing the nation is deemed greater than the demands of party allegiance. During each of the three great parliamentary issues of the 19th Century — the reform of the Corn Laws, the representation of the people and Irish Home Rule — substantial groups of MPs voted against their own parties, sometimes leaving them all together, sometimes returning to the fold after the issue was resolved. The shades of Russell, Gladstone, Peel, Bright and Chamberlain will be less bemused tonight than the bevy of quails in today's Cabinet room.

Victory tonight for John Major and Douglas Hurd is to entrust Britain's future in Europe to their untrammelled control. When those two reasonable men returned from Maastricht in December 1991, many fellow men of reason agreed with them that it was "Game Set and Match" for Britain. They had entered the free and single market, seemed to have stayed out of the otiose Social Chapter and to have found escape routes from the monetary union maze.

Since then — beginning on 16 September 1992 when Britain had to eject itself from the Exchange Rate Mechanism — many reasonable men have changed their view. The slightness of hopes for economic convergence was exposed. Slighter yet was the one per cent majority for the treaty in the French referendum held a few days later. The Danes had already signalled their opposition. "Euro-fraud" re-entered the language via Greece, Spain, Ireland, Italy and Brussels itself. European hypocrisy in foreign affairs lacked so convenient a name; but in Bosnia it was no less real for that. European peoples grumbled against their masters and against the super-state to which politicians alone wanted to belong.

The Germans expressed growing reluctance to exchange their Deutchmark for a 12th part in the decision-making process over a purse full of pesetas, escudos and drachmas. In Britain, meanwhile, Mr Major's reputation for wisdom and competence crashed day after day until the notion that his leadership might compensate somewhat for the changes all around became derisory. Tory loyalists avoided looking in to the future, preferring to minimise turbulence by hanging on to at least one familiar bespectacled landmark. Others thought that Maastricht and Major were bearable singly but that as a double burden would bring sure electoral defeat.

There are few certainties ahead tonight — and fewer still thereafter. As the conflicts with authority continue, the best compass for a rebel Conservative MP will remain one constructed from his own reason and conscience.

RETURNING WITH DIGNITY

Patricia Cahill and Karyn Smith should not sell their story

The release of Patricia Cahill and Karyn Smith from prison in Bangkok yesterday was a laudable humanitarian gesture by the king of Thailand, Bhumibol Adulyadej. Conditions in the Klong Prem prison, where the two women have languished for three years, are notoriously bad: it was right of John Major to petition for the womens' release, irrespective of their guilt or innocence.

Although British detectives hope to question Miss Cahill and Miss Smith on their return, it is unlikely that the full facts of the case will now emerge. The two women were caught leaving Bangkok carrying 26 kg of heroin with a street value of £4 million, packed into bottles and tins in their suitcases. There seems little doubt that the two teenagers were manipulated by the Birmingham businessman who sent them on this free trip to Thailand and The Gambia, a notorious route for drug smugglers. It is also alleged that the Thai police tampered with the evidence and may have planted some of the drugs on the women to increase their commission for the arrest. These claims should be examined by the Foreign Office and customs officers, who must continue to work with the Thai authorities in the international fight against drug trafficking.

Yet the suggestion that Miss Cahill and Miss Smith were mere dupes is unconvincing. Miss Cahill herself has denied that they were set up by the Thai police and admits that she and Miss Smith knew they were smuggling something, though not what it was. While it is plausible that they were too naive to appreciate the gravity of what they were doing, it is hard to see what they imagined the white powders could be other than drugs.

The two women have been pardoned rather than exonerated, and should return home on precisely those terms. Terry Dicks, the Conservative MP, was wrong to criticise Mr Major yesterday for his part in their release. But it would also be wrong if Miss Cahill and Miss Smith return to Britain as heroines, supposed martyrs to the iniquities of a foreign justice system.

It is particularly regrettable that the women, who might still be in jail if they had been convicted in Britain, now stand to make large sums of money by selling their story. The press code of practice prohibits the offer of financial rewards to convicted criminals, their families or associates, except when the material might be published in the public interest. Even if payments to Miss Cahill and Miss Smith for exclusive rights did not infringe the letter of the code, they would certainly be a violation of its spirit.

If the two women wish to put the record straight, that is their right. But they should do so in a responsible way without expectation of profit. The Thai government has made it clear that sensationalistic or misleading accounts of their experience may jeopardise the chances of pardons for other Westerners who remain behind bars, including 40 Britons. The relief of Miss Cahill and Miss Smith is understandable: it should now be matched by a measure of dignity and contrition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cynicism and realism over House of Commons vote on the social chapter

From Sir Anthony Meyer

Sir, Why do you (report, July 20) and others regard the forthcoming House of Commons vote on the social chapter as such a hazard for the ratification of the Maastricht treaty?

Three things are clear about this chapter. It is vague, it is desirable and it would destroy Europe's competitiveness if it is interpreted literally.

If the government is defeated by a cynical alliance of right-wing Conservatives who are scared of this bogy, and the Labour party and others who welcome it, then surely the government's proper course is to bow to the will of the Commons and agree to sign the chapter, while undertaking to do all it can to ensure that it is applied only to the extent that the European Community can actually afford it.

Which is what the goverment should have done in the first place.

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From Mr Bryan Gould, MP for Dagenham (Labour)

Sir, The difficulties facing the government in Thursday's debate on the Maastricht treaty and the social chapter are entirely of its own creation. It should not be allowed to shuffle off responsibility onto anyone else.

Ministers constantly emphasise their outrage at the prospect of Tory rebels voting to allow the social chapter to take effect, yet ministers alone will decide whether or not the chapter applies in Britain.

The House of Commons will vote, first on the Labour amendment requiring the social chapter to be incorporated in the treaty, then on the government motion, either amended or not as the case may be.

It is true that in the first vote the rebels might decide — for tactical reasons — to support the Labour amendment. But if the amendment were carried the amended motion would then be put to the vote. It would then be for the government to decide *whether or not to support the* amended motion.

The rebels would presumably — in line with their hostility to both the treaty and the chapter — have no difficulty in voting against the amended motion, thereby supporting government policy on the social chapter. The Opposition parties would be equally untroubled about supporting the amended motion.

The fate of the amended motion would then depend entirely on the government. If it voted against, the amended motion would certainly be defeated and the social chapter excluded. But the House would also have failed to "come to a resolution" as required by clause 7 of the bill, now enacted (report, July 21). This would mean that the Act could not come into force despite its royal assent and, by virtue of the European Elections Act 1978, the treaty could not be ratified.

If, on the other hand, the government failed to vote against the motion it would be carried. It would then be the government, not the rebels, which had decided that the social chapter *should take effect. The government's* desire to have the treaty would have prevailed over its opposition to the social chapter.

If ministers attempted to escape from this dilemma by allowing the resolution to be passed and then ignoring it, they would plunge themselves into yet further and unprecedented constitutional, legal and political difficulties. They have no one but themselves to blame.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN GOULD,
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From Sir Ian Percival, QC

Sir, Those Conservative MPs, my friends and former colleagues, who say they will vote for the social chapter are men and women I have long known and respected as people of principle. It is their pride. Now they talk of voting in favour of something to which on principle they are opposed.

And what about the risks? Many of us believe that to vote for the social chapter would be to play straight into the hands of our political opponents — the two parties who would rush headlong into Europe if given the chance.

What is beyond doubt is that Labour and the Liberal Democrats are rubbing their hands with glee. No doubt they will egg our people on, but their objective is surely clear. How terrible the irony if the efforts of our friends to protect, as they see it, the British people from the Community were in fact to assist either of those parties to increase the influence of the Community.

These departures from principle and the risks involved are to be justified, it seems, simply on the basis that "the end justifies the means". Ironically, those who now rely on that would be the first to condemn it in normal circumstances. Prominent amongst them are men and women who have rejected it all their lives — and earned our respect for having the courage to do so.

Please, old friends, do not go back *on all of that now — and please do not* risk landing us all in the very peril from which you seek to protect us.

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From Mr Roger Munson

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg ("Why I challenged Maastricht in law", July 19) describes his application to the High Court regarding the Maastricht treaty as "not political". Yet he opposes the treaty ("A sleepwalker's guide to Europe", July 12) because he believes it will have consequences that he regards as undesirable.

This is a respectable position to take, but is a political one. He sought first to persuade his colleagues in the House of Lords to call for a referendum on the matter. That did not work, so he applies to the courts.

Lord Rees-Mogg is fighting a political battle, *by any means open to him.* For him to pose as a disinterested guardian of the constitution does not wash.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Sheila Faith

Sir, MPs should recall that John Major was the only European leader deliberately to promote interest in the EC negotiations by having a full debate in the House of Commons in November 1991, before going to Maastricht.

Other European leaders took their own electorate for granted while the PM consulted widely. He was therefore fully aware of the principal anxieties, which included concern about the damaging social chapter, before he negotiated the treaty.

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Oak Hill Park, Hampstead, NW3.
July 19.

From Mr David Lindsay

Sir, Only a litigation lawyer needing business or someone who hasn't read it could reasonably vote for the Maastricht agreement on social policy from which the UK opted out (commonly known as the social chapter) so long as that agreement contains the sexist article 6.3.

This article would throw all equal treatment legislation into confusion by permitting "specific advantages in order to make it easier for women to pursue a vocational activity or to prevent or compensate for disadvantages in their professional careers".

Backdoor positive discrimination? Prospect of years of expensive litigation, even before we have seen anything like the last of the cases on existing discriminatory laws? How to reconcile with article 2.1 of the agreement which affirms "equality between men and women with regard to treatment at work"?

Will we never learn?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LINDSAY,
36 Orchard Coombe,
Whitechurch Hill,
Reading, Berkshire.
July 16.

From Mr James Pickthorn

Sir, Simon Jenkins's version of John Major's speech tomorrow ("An honest word at last", July 21) says: "What matters is ensuring that Maastricht does not further infest the British economy with Brussels dry rot" — and so we must accept it, to revise it at the 1996 intergovernmental conference.

The trouble with this argument is that it ignores how rot spreads out of control when conditions are perfect. The very intentions of the treaty are set out in its heading, "Treaty on European Union", and qualified majority voting makes it unstoppable in so many sections.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES PICKTHORN,
45 Ringmer Avenue, SW6.
July 21.

From Mr Leslie Singleton

Sir, Simon Jenkins begs the question whether it will indeed be possible to row back in 1996. History would suggest that in 1996 the federalists, possibly after lying doggo for a while, will again want to take us onward to their goal and then, as now, the call will go up that "we must be at the heart of Europe".

Better to get out now.

Yours etc,
LESLIE SINGLETON,
Wakerings, Little Waltham, Essex.
July 21.

From Mr Ronald Sheridan

Sir, Anthony Harris ("A slight divergence over Maastricht policy", July 20) points out, as have many others, that much of the Maastricht treaty is *incomprehensible and worries about* the political effect.

There is of course a good solid reason why it should be so: it seems to me to enable the Brussels bureaucracy to interpret it in any way they please and to provide them with licence for whatever action they may wish to take.

Yours faithfully,
R. SHERIDAN,
6 Kenton Road,
Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.
July 20.

Lesson from history

From Mr Anthony Quick

Sir, I fear that my efforts to teach Lord Wakeham history at Charterhouse many years ago have borne little fruit. If they had, he would have realised that the argument of parliamentary sovereignty which he deployed against a Maastricht referendum (report, July 15) was the same argument used by the opponents of the Reform Bill of 1832 and the Parliament Act of 1911.

Yet I am sure that he would not suggest that the present South East Cornwall constituency should still have 16 members, as it did before the Reform Bill, or that the House of Lords should have equal powers to the House of Commons.

The sovereignty of Parliament is a means to achieve democratic government and not an end in itself. To attempt to use this doctrine to deny the wishes of the people is to make a nonsense of the democratic principles which have informed the constitution for nearly 200 years.

The result is to bring Parliament into disrepute and to deprive the ratification of Maastricht of any national commitment.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY QUICK,
Corbin, Scorriton,
Buckfastleigh, Devon.
July 15.

Spoken English

From Sir Anthony Wagner, Clarenceux King of Arms

Sir, In joining you and the rest of the world in welcoming the BBC's *The Style Guide* (leading article, July 5; reports, July 5, 6; letters, July 12, 21) I hope that it may be produced audibly on tape as well as visibly in print.

This is not merely because as a blind man I depend on an audible version but no less because it seems to me that a book on the development of language cannot cover all relevant points without being audible, as so many books now can be and are.

I have tried lately to put the case for what has not till now been possible, namely a spoken book on the development of class dialects, their relation on the one hand to local dialects and on the other to education and the cult of refinement. There should be sufficient record for an analysis to be made of how this has gone in the past 50 years. Is there enough evidence to go back much further?

What we can at all events do is to make sure that from now on enough is recorded and enough questions are asked to make it possible to work out how people spoke and why they spoke in particular ways, whether they understood the reasons or not.

Yours,
ANTHONY WAGNER,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street, EC4.

Nightingale habits

From Mr D. R. Guthrie

Sir, Another feature of nightingales (letters, July 19) is their amazing timing after their hazardous thousands of miles of migration to the woodland on our property. Between 1988 and this year our first "hearing" dates varied only from April 19 to 24.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. GUTHRIE,
The Orangery, Little Haddon Hall,
Sutton, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr Christopher Gable, a signatory to the letter on dance education published on July 14, is artistic director of Northern Ballet Theatre, not of Northern Ballet School, as given.

Building bridges

From Mr Bryan Harvey and Mr John Montague

Sir, In Marcus Binney's article on bridges (July 14) Mr Nicholas Grimshaw is quoted as saying "Bridges stay forever". On the contrary, they tend to fall down. Over the years designers try out new technologies, making the structures longer and leaner until they fail, and then they try something new.

History is littered with examples: Stephenson's Dee Bridge (cast iron, 1847), Bouch's Tay Bridge (cast and wrought iron, 1879), Tacoma Narrows (suspension, 1940), Milford Haven (box girder, 1970). There are others.

The price the public pays for testing these new technologies is often high. In the Tay Bridge disaster it could be said that it took 75 deaths to prove that Sir Thomas Bouch had got his sums wrong. Will cable-stay bridges be any safer, however pleasing they may be architecturally?

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN HARVEY
(Chairman, Major Hazards Advisory Committee, 1975-83),
JOHN MONTAGUE (physicist, (Harwell Laboratory, 1955-65),
2 and 7 Surley Row,
Reading, Berkshire.

From Mr A. Goldstein

Sir, Neither Marcus Binney nor his source would wish to perpetuate a mistake. A bridge design competition sponsored by the Department of Transport would not be the "first ever" such competition.

More than 30 years ago, transport minister Ernest Marples found himself facing criticism about bridge design. He visited France and Germany to study how they went about this business and later announced that he saw little reason to change the existing UK system but that, as an experiment, he would hold a design competition for a bridge.

This was duly held for a site in the north of England. Though not a major bridge it was a substantial bridge with particular site problems relating to much mining subsidence. First prize was shared by two designs, both approved by the Royal Fine Art Commission, submitted by separate firms of consulting engineers. One of the designs was built.

It seems the issue gets an airing about once every generation. The questions seldom change.

Yours faithfully,
A. GOLDSTEIN,
Kent Edge, Crockham Hill,
Edenbridge, Kent.
July 14.

Parish dues

From the Reverend Martin Brown

Sir, I write as a rector of a parish which (currently) pays its quota (£21,000). George Carey may well see non-payment by some as a bad thing (report, July 12), but he misunderstands if he thinks that it is all due simply to the disastrous Synod decision to ordain women.

The plain fact is that a great many church folk have lost all confidence in the leadership and running of our national Church. After all, the ordination of women is now "Anglican doctrine" and those of us who disagree are asked to smile and let it happen.

Yet a man can be consecrated bishop having denied Gospel fundamentals such as the Resurrection of Christ, practising homosexuals continue in parish ministry, and vast sums of money are squandered on over-centralised diocesan structures.

Is it any real surprise if more and more parishes decide that enough is enough and exercise the only power they have? Power belongs in the pew, not the palace.

Yours etc,
MARTIN BROWN,
Darfield Rectory,
Church Street, Darfield,
Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

Prophetic Levin

From Mr Michael Nelson

Sir, Bernard Levin's modesty forbade him to mention in his article, "How was the cruel lie perpetrated?" (July 16), the most interesting item in the special issue of *The National Interest*, "The strange death of Soviet communism", to which he refers.

The item is headed "One who got it right" and it is the article by Mr Levin that you published in August 1977 predicting the fall of communism. The prescience about why and how it would happen is remarkable, as is his *forecast of the date — July 14, 1989.*

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL NELSON,
44 Phillimore Gardens, W8.
July 16.

Original values

From Mrs Mary Angela Fisher

Sir, Julia Roberts, writes Rachel Kelly (article, July 7), "appears to be one of a growing number of women who have abandoned the struggle to be a lady in the old-fashioned sense of the word". We can perhaps reflect that the word "lady" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *hlaf-dige*, meaning loaf maker.

In those days this essential task belonged to the lady of the home, and so established her position of honour and of responsibility for her family's welfare. In these *days of changed* ambitions, it is well sometimes to return to original meanings and values.

Yours sincerely,
MARY ANGELA FISHER,
16 Kithurst Park,
Storrington, West Sussex.
July 8.

Born survivors

From Mrs J. H. Lewis-Turner

Sir, I would be interested to know if any of your readers have a longer-living family than mine.

We were five sisters. The eldest died in her 95th year, the next two in their 96th year and the fourth in her 93rd year.

I arrived nine years after my youngest sister and was kindly called the afterthought — but far more probably a mistake! At present I am a mere 90½-year-old, but still going strong.

Yours sincerely,
RUTH LEWIS-TURNER,
5 Claverton Lodge,
Bathwick Hill, Bath, Avon.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 21: The Queen held an *Investiture* at *Buckingham Palace* this morning.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at dinner this evening by the Officers of The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard at St James's Palace and were received by *the* Captain (the Earl of Strathmore *and Kinghorne)*.

The Duchess of Grafton and Mr Robin Janvrin were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, today visited The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in Fallingbostel, Germany.

His Royal Highness this afternoon arrived at Heathrow Airport, London.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 21: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this afternoon attended a Presentation to mark the appointment of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Photographer in Residence at the Lanesborough Hotel, 1 Lanesborough Place, London SW1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 21: The *Prince* of *Wales*, Patron, this evening attended the Royal *Tournament* at Earls Court, Warwick Road, London SW5.

Commander Robert Fraser RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 21: The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Natural History Museum Development Trust, this morning visited the scientific departments of the museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 21: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester today visited the East of England Show, Peterborough, and was received by *Her Majesty's* Lord Lieutenant for Cambridge*shire (Mr James Crowden)*.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester this evening was present at a Reception given by the Corporation of London to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force, at Guildhall, London EC1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 21: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Tank Museum, this morning opened the British Defence Industries Hall at the Tank Museum, Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington, Dorset.

His Royal Highness, Patron, British Menswear Guild, this afternoon visited Reynolds and Kent Limited, The Oka, Warminster Road, Westbury, *Wiltshire* and was met by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines
COMMANDER: J Davis - MOD London 16.07.93; D R Larmour - Staff of FONA 11.02.94; K D MacKenzie - Boscombe Down 07.01.94; S R Munro - Centurion 31.08.93; A B *Trentham* - Staff of CINCFLEET 12.02.94.
MAJOR: T M Gregory - Exchange *Army 11.02.94; A D F Rogers* - MOD London.

Retirements
COMMANDER: C D Lean - 24.09.93; R F Raphael - 24.09.93; R Robertson - 01.10.93; D Smith - 27.09.93.

The Army
BRIGADIERS: R M M Low - to be Commd BMATT ZIMBABWE, 23.7.93; D E Radcliffe - to be Comd Arty HQ UKLF, 23.7.93.
COLONELS: S G Adlington - to be *Comd HQ DHEKELIA Gar, 7.7.93;* C N Brand - to be Commd SPS UKLF, 23.7.93; R J Coate - to MOD, 23.7.93; M P Selby - *to be Comd* (ES) 3 (UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt, 23.7.93.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: I C D Blair-Pilling REME - to MOD, 19.7.93; J A Flake AGC (SPS) - to HQ *SDIST, 19.7.93; P Gilchrist RTR - to* be CO 1RTR, 23.7.93; J M Ross R Signals - to Bowman Mil Tm, 19.7.93; *D G Thackaberry* AGC (ETS) to RCB, 19.7.93; D V Walsh Kings - to Sch of Inf (Warminster) *HQ, 19.7.93; B E Weaving* AGC (SPS) to MOD, 19.7.93; J G James PARA - to MOD, 19.7.93; R M J *Rollo-Walker LI - to HQ UKLF*, 19.7.93; A W Sutherland RLC - to HQ UKLF, 20.7.93; D J Morris RAMC to 2 Armd Fd Amb as CO.

Retirements
COLONELS: M J Smith Late RAOC, 25.7.93; *W H T Spaight Late RE*, 21.7.93.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: A J H Alcock - to HQ AFCENT 16.7.93; T J Murray - to HQ AFSOUTH 16.7.93; J C Gilbert - to MOD 16.7.93; W W Robinson - to MACD SWANTON MORLEY 16.7.93; J P DACRE - to *Riyadh 18.7.93; I S* Corbitt - to HQ STC 19.7.93.
WING COMMANDER: C R Loader - to 3 Sqn *LAARBRUCH 12.7.93; K J* Parkes - to ALDERGROVE 12.7.93; B P Simmonds - to MOD ACDS *OR(AIR) 12.7.93; J G Evans* - to JACIG SCAMPTON 19.7.93; A G HILL - to MOD AFD 19.7.93; B C Debenham - to MOD AFD 19.7.93; M C Bullock - to RAF PMC 19.7.93; A G Willenbruch - to RAF St ATHAN 19.7.93; B G Benstead - to MOD AF/D Sig(AIR) 19.7.93.

CLIVE HOWES

The real thing: after watching Spielberg's blockbuster *Jurassic Park* last week the Princess of Wales yesterday looked a tyrannosaurus rex in the face at the Natural History Museum, London. The princess told Lorraine Cornish, a scientist who was cleaning a dinosaur's 3in teeth, that she would be taking her sons William, 11, and Harry, eight, to the film "even though it was a bit scarey"

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J.E. Abbott
and Miss C.A. Lewis
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.P. Abbott, of Thanet, Kent, and Caroline, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs A.M. Geddes, of Solihull, West Midlands.

Mr D.F. Andrews
and Miss R. Gemmell
The engagement *is announced* between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Andrews, of The Lee, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mrs Rewa *Gemmell*, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr T.E. Beckett
***and* Miss R.S. Bothway**
The engagement is announced between Thomas Edward, son of the late Mr Thomas Beckett, and of Mrs John Armitage, of Hall o' Coole, Cheshire, and *Rebecca* Susan, daughter of Mr Colin Bothway, of Colton, Norfolk, *and* Mrs Neil Cranston, of Dykebeck *Hall Farm, Norfolk*.

The Hon P.D. Cairns
and Miss F.L. Rena
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of the Earl and Countess Cairns, of Allington, Wiltshire, and Francesca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Oliver Rena, of Little Venice, London.

Mr T.G. Dye
and Miss C.P.E. Ransom
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Dye, of Chiddingly, Sussex, and Charlotte, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Ransom, of *Pirton*, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.G. Gulliver
and Miss J.E. Sterling
The engagement is announced between James Godfrey, eldest son of Mr James Gulliver and of Mrs Joan Gulliver, and Jocelyn *Elizabeth*, daughter of Mr Clifton *Sterling* and the late Mrs Linda Sterling.

Mr G.V. Lloyd-Jones
and Miss J.D.E. Weir-Willats
The engagement is announced between Gareth, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Lloyd-Jones, of *Horsforth*, Leeds, and Diana, daughter of Mr Brian Weir-Willats, of Almeria, Spain, and Mrs Graham Williams, of Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr P.R.G. Male
and Miss J.J.M. Edmonds
The engagement *is* announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs P.J.E. Male, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A.K. Edmonds, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Dr N.J. Innes
and Miss C.N. Blake
The engagement is *announced of* Nicholas Innes, of Chipstead, *Sevenoaks, Kent, to* Clare Blake, of Stalham, Norfolk.

Mr J.W.A. Macnab
younger of Macnab
and Dr J.L. Mackintosh
The engagement is announced between Jamie, elder son of The Macnab and the Hon Mrs Macnab of Macnab, of Kilmany, Fife, and Janie, daughter of the late Dr David Mackintosh and of Dr Margaret Mackintosh, of Exmouth, Devon.

Mr S.N. Seaton
and Miss A.L. Jones
The engagement *is announced* between Neil, younger son of Dr *Derek Seaton, of Tiverton*, Devon, and Mrs Dorothy Seaton, of Westminster, London, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Jones, of Putney, London.

Mr M.K.G. Smith
and Miss R.L. Metzler
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Smith, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and *Mrs Richard Metzler, of* Winnetka, Illinois, USA.

Marriages

The Hon Charles Tennant
and Ms S. Scott
The marriage took place in London on July 15 at the Crown Court Church *of Scotland* between *the* Hon Charles Tennant, eldest son *of Lord* and Lady Glenconner, and Ms Shelagh Scott, daughter of Mr and Mrs Matthew Raymond Scott, of Peebles.

Major A.J. Tabor
and Miss L.A. Stewart
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 17, at *Holy Trinity*, Penn, between Major Andrew Tabor, the Light Dragoons, younger son of Major General D.J.St M. Tabor and the late Hon Mrs Tabor, of Compton Abdale, Gloucestershire, and Miss Lindsay *Stewart*, *youngest daughter of* Mr and Mrs Robert Stewart, of Penn, Buckinghamshire. The Rev David Ireland officiated, assisted by Sister Donella, CSA.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Sophie Tabor, Ginevra Farle, Iona Emlyn-Williams, Rhydian Emlyn-*Williams* and *Felix Chapman*. Major David Swann was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride. The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Birthdays today

Dr Sir Reginald Bennett, former *MP, 82; Group Captain Sir Hugh* Dundas, former chairman, Prince's Youth Business Trust, 73; Mr Jetmund Engeset, Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland, 55; Miss Julia Farron, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 71; Mr *Bryan Forbes, film director and* producer, 67; Mr Justice Garland, 64; Mr Jimmy Hill, sports commentator, 65; General Sir Charles Huxtable, 62; Mrs J.A.G. Kennedy, civil engineer, 43; Miss Bonnie Langford, actress, 29; *Professor Sir Ronald Mason*, chemist, 63; Mr Terence Stamp, actor, 55; Sir William Wilkinson, former chairman, Nature Conservancy Council, 61; Mrs Diane Yeo, a charity commissioner, *48*.

Painter-Stainers' Company

The Education Committee of the Painter-Stainers' Company have awarded the Painter-Stainers' Cyril Sweett award to Miss Judy Buxton of the Royal Academy Schools.

Luncheon

Royal Automobile Club
Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman, presided at the annual luncheon for the Senior One Hundred members of *The Royal Automobile Club* which was held in the Clubhouse yesterday. Squadron Leader John Crampton, who joined the RAC in 1940, responded to the toast to the Senior One Hundred proposed by Mr Rose.

Service dinner

Naval Club
Captain Patrick Harland presided at a dinner held last night at the Naval Club to *mark the* defeat of the Spanish Armada. Vice-Admiral Sir Robert and Lady Gerken were the principal guests.

Lord Menuhin

The life barony conferred upon Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM, KBE, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Menuhin, of Stoke d'Abernon in the County of Surrey.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anthony Ashley Cooper, *1st Earl of Shaftesbury, statesman*, Wimborne St Giles, Dorset, 1621; Friedrich Bessel, astronomer, Minden, Germany, 1784; Gregor Mendel, pioneer of the study of heredity, Heizendorf, Austria, 1822; the Rev William Spooner, *scholar and begetter of "spoonerisms"*, London, 1844; Frederick William Rolfe (self-styled Baron Corvo), writer, London, 1860; Selman Waksman, discoverer of *streptomycin, Nobel laureate 1952*, Priluka, Ukraine, 1888; Alexander Calder, sculptor, Philadelphia, 1898; Stephen Vincent Benet, poet, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 1898; Sobhuza II, King of Swaziland 1899-1982, Zombodze, 1899.

DEATHS: Catherine Philips, poet, London, 1664; John Dalton, poet, Worcester, 1763; Marie Francois Bichat, physiologist, Paris, 1802; George Shaw, naturalist, London, 1813; Giuseppe Piazzi, astronomer, Palermo, 1826; Wilson Barrett, *actor-manager*, *London*, 1904; Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, Hollywood, 1932; Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada 1921-26, 1926-30 and 1935-48, Kingsmere, Quebec, 1950; Carl Sandburg, poet and biographer, *Flat Rock, North Carolina, 1967*.

The Mormons reached the site of Salt Lake City, 1847.

The first round the world solo flight (15,596m) was completed by Wiley Post in 7 days 18hrs 49mins, 1933.

Bread rationing started, 1946.

Dinner

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of Council of the Foundation for *Science and Technology*, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Sir Walter Bodmer, Mr John Marchant and Mrs Barbara O'Connor were the speakers. Mr David Davis, Parliamentary Secretary of the Office of Public Service and Science, was among those present.

Appointments

Roger Michael Shawcross and Geoffrey Simon Barham to be Circuit Judges, assigned to the Western and South Eastern Circuits respectively.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, Cricket Club Conference, will attend a match between the Cricket Club Conference and the Austra*lian Services touring* XI at Brentwood cricket club at 3.45.

The Princess Royal, President of the Royal Smithfield Club, will attend a luncheon and council meeting at Butchers' Hall at noon; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will hold a special *gifts dinner at Buckingham Palace* at 8.00 for the fund's 75th anniversary appeal.

Princess Margaret, President of the Royal Ballet, will attend a performance by the Royal Ballet School at Holland Park Open Air Theatre at 7.50.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit the East of England Show at Peterborough at 10.25.

Princess Alexandra, vice-patron, will open the YWCA hostel for *homeless* girls at Colville *Street*, Nottingham, at 2.00; will open the *extension to the Medical Research* Council's Institute of Hearing Research at Nottingham University at 2.55; and will visit Nottingham County Hall at 3.55.

University news

Ramsay Memorial Fellowships
The trustees announce the award of a Fellowship to Dr Peter Scott, for 1993-5, co-sponsored with the *Royal Commission for the Ex*hibition of 1851, to enable him to carry out research at the University of Sussex.

A Fellowship has also been awarded to Dr Steven Langford, for 1993-5, entirely founded by the trust, to enable him to carry out research at the University of *Birmingham*.

SPANA

The Annual General Meeting of SPANA, the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad, which celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year, was held on Thursday, July 15, 1993, at its offices at 15 Buckingham Gate, London, SW1. Lord Newall presided.

Memorial service

Sir John Rodgers
The Speaker was represented by *Mr Nicolas Bevan at a memorial* service for Sir John Rodgers held yesterday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster. The Rev Roger Holloway officiated. Sir Tobias Rodgers, son, read the lesson and Mr Piers *Rodgers, son, read from John* Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, gave an address. Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, attended.

The Portuguese Ambassador was represented by Senhor Antonio José Emauz de Almeida Lima, the Luxembourg Ambassador by *Mr Paul Steinmetz*, the Ambassador of Finland by Mr Jarko Järventaus, the Spanish Ambassador by the Marqués de Torregrosa and the Belgian Ambassador by M Rudy van Lancker. The Lord Lieutenant of *Kent* was represented by Lord Cornwallis. Among those present were:

Lady Rodgers (widow), Mrs Piers Rodgers (daughter-in-law), *Thomas and Augustus* Rodgers (grandsons); the Duchess of St Albans, Lady Devonport, Lady *Rippon of Hexham, Lord and* Lady Colnbrook, Lord Ellenborough, Lord Carr of Hadley, *Lady Reigate, Lord Weatherill, Mr* and Mrs Enoch Powell, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Sir John Stanley, MP, *Sir Toby Clarke* (Standing Council of the Baronetage), Sir Kenneth James, Sir Michael Stewart, Sir Philip Goodhart, Sir Alan Campbell, Sir Gilbert Longden, Lady Lasdun, Sir John Page, Sir Dudley Smith (Western European Union Assembly), Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, Major Jonathan and the Hon Mrs Balcon.

Mr Mark Wolfson, MP, Mr and Mrs John Francis, Mr and Mrs Peter Ford, Mr Raymond Burton, Mrs Audrey Burton, Mr Hubert Picarda, QC, *Dr* and Mrs Peter Smith, Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, Mrs Edward Sutro, Mrs Joscelyne Dimbleby, *Mr Jonathan Aitken*, MP, Mr John Rose, Mrs Denzil Sebag-Montefiore, Mr Peter Hardy, MP, Mrs Humphrey Brooke, Mr Charles Monteith, Mr and Mrs F Hohler, Mrs D Drury, Mr Donald Limon, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Roger Sims, MP.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Vice-Chamberlain of HM Household), Mr Timothy Wood (a Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury), Mr John Sweetman (representing the Clerk of the House of Commons), Mrs Lynne Stone (Henley Management College), Mr Nicolas Phillips (IPA), Mr Robert Waters (Masons' Company), Mr William Bell (Heritage of London Trust), the Rev Basil Marshall (St John's Church, Groombridge), Mr Theo Packman (Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association), Mr John London (Sevenoaks Conservative Association), Mr Nicholas Morrell (representing the Governor of the Company of Merchant *Adventurers of the City of York)* with Mr I S Wheatley, Mrs E Saunders and Mr John Jones (*Brookhill Nursing Home*, Crowhurst), Mr Denis Palmer (Royal National Institute for the *Deaf*), *and Miss Jennifer Gaze* (Boodle Hatfield).

Carpenters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Carpenters' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr V.F. Browne; Senior Warden, Captain K.G. Hamon, RN; Middle Warden, Mr M.R. Francis; Junior Warden, Mr F.D. Hornsby.

Beirut gives up its secrets

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

AN archaeological project sponsored by Unesco is to *investigate the history of* Beirut, Lebanon's war-scarred *capital, in advance of* reconstruction work.

Excavations and surveys will take place before rebuilding commences, and will be funded by the developers. Outstanding discoveries may be integrated into revised plans to leave the remains exposed.

Central Beirut has been occupied continuously for thousands of years, and the area is believed to be especially rich in occupation from the Phoenician period of the first millennium BC through the Roman Empire to the Islamic age.

The initial phase of documentation and excavation will last for three years, and is being funded by the Hariri Foundation, the UN Development Programme, and Unesco. France is to supply equipment and archaeological expertise, and local universities and the Lebanese antiquities directorate will collaborate in the work.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Simon Mansfield, Curate, North Harrow (London): to be Curate, w special responsibility for Birchington w Minnis Bay and *Acol (Canterbury)*.

The Rev Canon Peter Naylor, Rector, Biddenden and Smarden (Canterbury): to be Priest-in-charge, St Margaret and St Augustine, Leicester (Leicester).

The Rev Lynda Rose, Curate, Oxford St Clement's: to be non-stipendiary minister, Oxford St *Clements (Oxford)*.

The Rev Michael Smith, Chaplain, *Uppingham School, Rutland* (Peterborough): to be Schools Officer and Priest-in-charge St Peter and St Paul, Stoke Lacy and Moreton Jeffries; St Mary, Much Cowarne; St James the Great, Ocle Pychard; St Luke Ullingswick *(Hereford)*.

The Rev Donald Wrapson, Hos*pital Chaplain, Selly Oak and* Accident Hospitals: to be Chaplain in the South Birmingham Acute Unit, w responsibility for the South Birmingham Trauma Centre at the General Hospital (Birmingham).

Resignations and Retirements
The Rev George Braund, Vicar, Crowmarsh Gifford (Oxford): to retire as from October 21.

The Rev James Potts, Vicar, Berkswich and Rural Dean of *Stafford (Lichfield): to retire as* Vicar, Berkswich, as from August 31, but will remain Rural Dean of Stafford.

The Rev Canon Michael Walls, Vicar, St Mary de Castro, Leicester (Leicester): resigned as from July 1.

Latest wills

Sir Robert Michael Conal **McNair-Wilson**, of *Bucklebury*, Berkshire, Conservative MP for *Walthamstow East, 1969-74, and* for Newbury, 1974-92, left estate valued at £148,480 net.

Mrs Mary Lenore **Montagu**, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, widow of Andrew James Fountayne Montagu, left estate valued at £4,251,153 net. *She left her estate variously to* personal legatees.

Mr Eric Vincent **Reynolds**, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, Headmaster of Stowe School 1949-58, and a former housemaster at Rugby, left estate valued at £432,435 net

He left £30,000 to the Roxburgh Trust of Stowe School, £25,000 to St Peter's Church, St Albans, £20,000 each to the Haileybury Society of Haileybury College, the Rugbeian Trust of Rugby School, Oxfam, the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, Children's Society, Shelter and Help the Aged, £10,000 each to the British Heart Foundation and National Trust, and £5,000 each to the WWF and Unicef.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Pamela **Durant**, of Binton, Warwickshire.......£586,977
Mrs Beryl Mavis **Hemingway**, of Exmouth, Devon.......£680,845
Mr Douglas Arthur **Jest**, of Ware, Herts.......£1,006,705
Mr William Charles **Lewis**, of Abergavenny, Gwent.......£558,559

Middle Temple

The Hon Mr Justice *Sachs has* been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench. The Hon Mr Justice Stephen Mitchell has been elected a Master of the Bench.

PERSONAL

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BIRTHS

BURDETT-COUTTS - On *July 1st, to Joan* (née Saunderson) and Seabury, a son, Edward Ashmead.

CULLEY - On July 18th, to Camilla (nee Parker) and Daniel, a daughter, Claudia Sidsel Clare

FLINT CAHAN - On 7th July, to Gillie (née Holland-Smith) and William, a son, Jolyon Charles Holland, a brother for Hugo and Rupert.

GIBSON - On July 19th, to Mary (née Morgan) and *Charles*, a son, Frederick John Philip, a brother for Alexander Special thanks to *Professor Nicolaides*, Steve, Cathy Walton and Becky Reed.

HINDLE - On July 20th 1993, to Jessica (née Snaith) and Jonathan, a daughter, Jemima, a sister for Jeremy Oscar.

KELSALL/OLIVER - On July 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Jill and Jeremy, a son, Joshua Charles, a brother for Matthew, with special thanks to Mr P. Cass.

McPARLAND - On 19th July 1993 to Sandra and Brendan McParland, a son, Miles.

OULTON - On July 18th, to Claire (nee Zisman) and Nicholas, a daughter, Sophie Frances Cavaghan, a sister for Emma.

BIRTHS

STEVENS - On July 1st, to Sally (nee Newman) and Chris, a daughter, *Kathleen* Anne.

WALKER - On July 14th, to Kathryn (née Salter) and Ian, a son, Benjamin Timothy, a brother for Nicola and Sarah.

WOODHOUSE - On 17th July, to Sarah (nee Cookson) and David, a son, Rex Michael Illingworth, a brother for Jake and Tatiana.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - Peacefully at *Meallmore Lodge Nursing* Home by Inverness on 20th July 1993, Donald *Alexander, Documentary* Film Maker, late of 1 Minto Place, Dundee, in his 80th *year. Husband of Budge and* father of Robin, Dion and Juno. Funeral Service on *Friday 23rd July at 2 pm in* the funeral home of William T Fraser & Son Funeral Directors, Culduthel Road, Inverness, thereafter The Tomnahurich Cemetery. All *friends respectfully invited*.

AUGER - On Wednesday 21st July, peacefully in his sleep, Major Victor George Neville J.P., widower of Edith, father of Robin and Nicholas and grandfather of Timothy, Grant, Miles and Ellis Funeral at St Mary's Church, Winterborne *Stickland*, on Monday 26th July at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Colin J Close Funeral Director, tel: Blandford (0258) 453133.

DEATHS

BARBER - On 20th July, suddenly but peacefully in a *Sheffield hospital*. Mark Barber O.B.E., J.P. Beloved husband of Barbara, loving father of Henry, Jane and Simon and a much loved father-in-law and grandfather Committal Service at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, Sheffield, on Tuesday 27th July at 3.30 pm followed by a Service *of* Thanksgiving at Dore Parish Church 4 pm. Family *flowers only please but donations* payable to The Boys Club of South Yorkshire and Hallamshire may be sent to John Heath and Sons, Funeral Directors, 14 Earsham Street, Sheffield.

BATES - On July 16th, at home, Dr. John Alexander Vincent F.R.C.P., died peacefully at West Malling, Kent. Formerly consultant at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Queen Square, London. Much loved friend, father and grandfather. Cremation private.

BELL - Eileen Gertrude, died suddenly in Cambridge on 20th July 1993, beloved wife of the late Douglas and dearly loved mother of Myra and Bea. Funeral Service at St John the Evangelist, Hills Road, Cambridge on Monday 26th July at 1.30pm.

BENNETT - On July 20th 1993, Kathleen Amy Bennett (née Braeden) died suddenly and peacefully, aged 97, at Court Lodge Nursing Home, Lymington. She will be sadly missed by Ina, David and Miles and their families, and by her many friends. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday July 27th at 11.15 am. Donations, if desired, to Oakhaven Hospice c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

DEATHS

CHENG - Keith, designer, inventor and actor, aged 60, of cancer. No flowers or mourning please. Donations if desired to Men of Trees, Crawley Down, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4HL.

DARLINGTON - Nora Dennison on July 20th peacefully at home aged 84 Dearly loved wife of Charles, loving mother and grandmother. Family *flowers only but donations if* desired to the National Deaf and Blind Association, 18 Rainbow Court, Paston Ridings, Peterborough PE4 6UP Funeral at 1.15 pm on Thursday July 29th at Portchester Crematorium, Hants

EDWARDS - Derek, suddenly on Tuesday 20th July. Dearly beloved husband of Julie, loving and unfailingly supportive father of Karen, Sue and Chris, and also to son-in-law Michael, and extra special grandpa to Bethan, Ffion, Taran and Thomas. Funeral Service for family and friends on Monday 26th July at Withington. Further arrangements later. Donations if desired in lieu of flowers c/o *Prof. Gordon-*Smith, Division of *Haematology, St George's* Hospital, London SW17.

FELLINGHAM - (née Goodrich) Margaret Joyce on 20th July peacefully in Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Colman Hospital, Norwich. Adored and adoring sister and sister-in-law of Gordon and Elizabeth. Dearly loved aunt and great-aunt of 6 nephews and nieces and 13 great-nephews and great-nieces. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrews Church, Hingham, on Wednesday July 28th at 3pm Family flowers only. Donations if wished for the St Andrews Church, Hingham General Expenses Fund, c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE

DEATHS

HARDY - On July 19th 1993, *peacefully*, Canon John Francis Wrangham M.B.E., T.D., aged 81, lately Rector of Greens Norton, Northamptonshire and formerly of Guiseley, Addingham and East Keswick, West Yorks. The funeral service to be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Greens Norton, near Towcester, Northampton, on Friday 6th August 2.30 pm, *followed by interment in the* churchyard. All enquiries and floral tributes to Ann Bonham & Son Funeral Directors, 71 St Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1JF, tel (0604) 34368.

HOLLINGSWORTH - On 20th July 1993, suddenly but peacefully, at home, Michael, dear husband, father, Big Grandad, teacher and friend Funeral Service at St Andrew's, Ringstead, Hunstanton, Norfolk, on *Tuesday 27th July* at midday

ISHERWOOD - On July 16th 1993, suddenly in hospital, at Guildford, Richard Kevin, aged 66 years, much loved by his sister Shelagh Trim and her family Enquiries to Sherlock & Sons, Dorking, (0306) 882266.

JACQUES - Kathleen, darling Mother of Carole Stone. In a London taxi, holding her daughter's hand. Funeral Service at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2, at 2.15 pm next Monday 26th July. Family flowers Any donations in favour of SANE (Schizophrenia A National Emergency) in memory of Kathleen's late son Roger, sent c/o Carole. Enquiries to Funeral Directors, A. France & Son, tel: (071) 405-4901

JAFFÉ - On July 19th 1993, Miriam, in her 98th year in Bournemouth, adored wife of the late Dr. Henry Jaffé of Nottingham and dearly loved mother of April and Gabriel.

DEATHS

JONAS - John Carter, much *loved uncle and great-uncle*, died peacefully on 19th July 1993 in his 86th year. *Memorial Service* at St Peter's Church, Furze Platt, Maidenhead, Berkshire, at 2.30 pm on Monday 26th July 1993.

KELLEHER - On July 20th at Boscombe Community Hospital, Nancy Madeleine Kelleher (née Robinson) aged 94 years. Widow of Dr. W.H. Kelleher, beloved mother and mother-in-law of Anthony and Annette Wheatley and a much loved grandmother and great-*grandmother*. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at St Josephs Church, Archway Road, Parkstone, Poole, at 11.30am on Thursday July 29th followed by interment at Parkstone Cemetery. Flowers or donations to St Anthonys Bread for the Poor if preferred may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32/34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset.

MARSHALL - Peacefully at home at Baddinsgill on July 20th 1993 with divinity and an unfailing sense of humour, Harry, much loved husband of Catriona, a devoted father and grandfather. Cremation private A Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrews Church, West Linton, on Saturday July 24th at 11 am.

MEHTA KIRTILAL MANILAL - Peacefully passed away on 20th July 1993 in Antwerp, Belgium, Kirtilal, beloved husband of the late Litavatiben, husband of Esther and father of Vilay, Prabodh, Kishor, Rashmi, Anila, Rekha and Liza. Funeral ceremony will be on 22nd July at the crematorium Julas Moretuslei No.2, Wilrijk, Antwerp at 2.45 pm. No flowers please. Condolences to 74, Vestingstraat, Antwerp. Fax: Antwerp 234-0539.

DEATHS

MACCRINDLE - Sheila (Jean *Hill), on July 19th 1993.* Funeral private. Memorial concert in the autumn.

PARKINSON - On July 19th 1993, after a gallant fight at the Royal Hampshire Hospital, Winchester, Bruce Parkinson O.B.E. aged 78 years. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Private cremation, followed by *Thanksgiving* Service at St Peter's Church, St Mary Bourne, Hampshire, at 3 pm *on Monday July 26th*. No flowers please but donations if desired for the National Association of Boys Clubs c/o Camp Hopson & Chivers, Funeral Directors, 6-12 Northbrook St., Newbury, Berkshire, RG13 1DN.

RAMIREZ - On July 18th at Sherborne Hospital, Chichester. Peacefully after a short illness Muriel "Kitty" aged 85. She is hugely missed by her sister Sybil and her nephews Philip and Richard. She was a lovely, bright, charismatic person. The magic of the Mycrofts was her's. The funeral is at Chichester Crematorium at *11 am on Friday 23rd July 1993*. Flowers to Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

REED - On July 20th, Margaret Leaher, in Old Woking. Mother of Adele, Peter and Anthony. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church. Send on Friday 23rd July at 4.30 pm.

SHORTO - On July 16th in St Thomas's Hospital, Morag (née Rennie), beloved wife of Harry Shorto. Funeral at Lambeth Crematorium on Monday 26th July at 3.30pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

DEATHS

SKINNER - Freda, Sculptor, aged 82, peacefully at home on 19th July. A funeral service will be held Saturday *24th July at 12 noon at St* Peter's Church, Limpsfield, Oxted, Surrey. Family flowers only. Donations for Cancer Research or Marie Curie Cancer Care to Ebbutt Funeral Service, High Street, Limpsfield, Oxted, Surrey.

SLADE - On 19th July 1993, peacefully at Canterbury, in *her 85th year, Blanche May*, much loved wife of the late Stanley Slade, of Mille Fleurs, Birchington. Enquiries to Blackburns Funeral Service, tel: (0843) 862897.

WATSON - On 20th July *1993, Edith aged 84, beloved* wife of the late Malcolm James and mother of Julia. Funeral *Service* at Chichester Crematorium Monday 26th July at 1 pm. Donations if wished to The Friends of St Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

SCLATER - Emma. The funeral will be at Newick Church, near Lewes, at noon on Thursday July 29th followed by lunch at Sutton *Hall, Barcombe*. There will be a memorial service at The Queen's Chapel of The Savoy at noon on Tuesday October 12th. There will also be a small Service of *Thanksgiving at Evensong in* the Chapel of Gonville & Caius College at 6.30 pm on *Monday October 11th*. Flowers to R.A. Brooks & Son, Newick, East Sussex, tel: (0825) 722898 or (0444) 454391.

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FISHER - F.J. Professor *Emeritus. Born July 22nd* 1906 died January 7th 1988. Sadly missed by very many but particularly by Barbara, Teresa and Matthew.

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OBITUARIES

JEAN NEGULESCO

Jean Negulesco, Hollywood film director, died in Marbella, Spain, on July 18 aged 93. He was born in Craiova, Romania, on February 26, 1900.

JEAN NEGULESCO was the first real master of CinemaScope. Not that anyone would claim that *How To Marry A Millionaire*, *Three Coins In The Fountain*, *A Woman's World*, *Daddy Long Legs* or *The Rains Of Ranchipur* — films he directed between 1953 and 1955 — counted among the aesthetic triumphs of the cinema. But in their frequently stagy way they were an object lesson in how to manoeuvre big stars (generally at least six) around the large screen and keep everything light and animated. Few have ever coped better with Marilyn Monroe than Negulesco in *How To Marry A Millionaire*, or sneaked across a totally cynical and un-American message with more finesse than he in *A Woman's World*, a sharp comedy-drama about whether, after all, every man is only as good as the little woman behind him.

It is one of the enigmas of Hollywood history that while some of the most complex and sophisticated American films have come from directors who were hardly able to string two words together, the most worldly and articulate film-makers often seem curiously incapable of carrying these qualities successfully over to the screen. Jean Negulesco was one of the wittiest and most sophisticated people ever to stand behind a Hollywood camera, but for much of his career one would seldom have known it.

His visual literacy was virtually guaranteed by his background. Son of an hotelkeeper, he had his first artistic success when he was 15 and working in a military hospital. Georges Enesco, the great Romanian composer, came to play the violin to the war wounded; Negulesco drew a portrait of him, and the maestro bought it himself. From that moment Negulesco was determined to be a painter, and when his father, dubious about his precocious attachment to an unsuitable girl, packed him off to Paris, he enrolled in the Academie Julian, promptly got to know two other emigre Romanian artists, Brancusi and Pascin, and achieved intermittent success as a painter in a vaguely post-Cubist manner.

Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable and Lauren Bacall in Jean Negulesco's 1953 film *How To Marry A Millionaire*

In hard times he became, like Billy Wilder in Berlin, a professional dance-partner to swell his income, and made his first real contact with the cinema when he met the American director Rex Ingram, who bought one of his paintings. In Paris and on the Riviera he dabbled in theatre design, but it was as a painter that he went to New York in 1927 for a large exhibition of his own work. As a painter also he went first to Los Angeles, when the Western Association Museums selected him as their foreign painter of the year, to be honoured by a one-man exhibition. (The same year Rockwell Kent was the American choice.) With his fluent command of French, he was detailed to take around and act as interpreter for the great French art critic Elie Faure. After a brief acquaintance, Faure announced authoritatively, without even seeing his art, that Negulesco should give up painting and take up film-making, the art of the future.

Surprised or not, he took Faure's advice. First he made an experimental feature film, financed as well as written and directed by himself. *Three And A Day* proved to be so accidentally experimental that it was uneditable, but through his contact with the film's star, Mischa Auer, he managed to get a job at Paramount and spent most of the 1930s as associate director or second unit director, occasionally writer and general odd-job man. In 1940 he moved to Warner Brothers to make short films, and finally got his first real chance as a feature director in 1944, with *The Mask Of Demetrios*, based on the novel by Eric Ambler. It was a film noir thriller, capitalising on the already established teaming of Sydney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre as masters of picturesque villainy, and was so successful that Negulesco repeated the casting immediately in *The Conspirators* and two years later in *Three Strangers*. In among these came an effectively tough John Garfield thriller, *Nobody Lives Forever*, and immediately after came *Humouresque*, also with John Garfield as the moody young violinist taken up almost fatally by Joan Crawford as an overbearing and far from disinterested patron.

The secret of these films' success often seemed to lie in the excellent script writers they used — John Huston for *Three Strangers*, W. R. Burnett for *Nobody Lives Forever*, Clifford Odets for *Humouresque* — and the powerful production team at Warner Brothers, where most films were drawn out frame by frame by imposing designers like Anton Grot before a director was ever assigned to them, rather than in any very distinctive qualities of the director himself. All the same, Negulesco had a sure touch with actors, and a refined sense of detail. He was the very last person ever to consider himself as an auteur, with his own personal philosophy to put over: he was a director rather like such other ex-designers as Vincente Minnelli and Mitchell Leisen, where the message was entirely in the style.

In 1948 Negulesco finished his Warners contract with a superior weepy *Johnny Belinda* (Oscar for Jane Wyman as a deaf-mute) and moved to 20th Century-Fox. Although his first film there, *Road House*, a richly neurotic psychological melodrama with Ida Lupino, seemed promising, he very rapidly settled into a routine of harmless, faceless films like *The Mudlark* (1951 with Irene Dunne as Queen Victoria and Alec Guinness as Disraeli), *Phone Call From A Stranger* (1952, notable mainly for the final sequence in which Bette Davis showed she could do more confined to an invalid's bed than most could with the whole Hollywood Bowl) and *Titanic* (1953), which sank a considerable number of contract stars to minimal effect.

After his CinemaScope successes in the first half of the 1950s Negulesco more or less faded from the scene, though there were touches of the old flair in *The Best Of Everything* (Joan Crawford again in 1959) and *The Pleasure Seekers*, which virtually remade *Three Coins In The Fountain*, shifting the locale from Rome to Madrid, and contained the last of a long line of classic powder-room confrontations between powerful ladies. After the appropriately entitled *Hello-Goodbye* in 1970 he retired though taking time out unexpectedly three years later to act in a French film, *Un Officier de Police sans Importance*. Otherwise, he concentrated on writing his memoirs, a typically gossipy, witty and no doubt often unreliable volume called *Things I Did And Things I Think I Did*. He was never the greatest or most individual of directors, but in the magic mixing bowl of Hollywood he managed to confect a handful of unforgettable films.

Negulesco was married twice. His first wife he married in Paris shortly before leaving for New York; they divorced shortly after arrival. His second, a top model of the early 1940s, Dusty Anderson, he met in 1944, married in 1946, and stayed married to until his death. They adopted two daughters.

SZYMON GOLDBERG

Szymon Goldberg, Polish-born American violinist and conductor, died on July 17 at Toyama, Japan, aged 84. He was born at Wloclawek on June 1, 1909.

ONE of the most reticent of violinists, Szymon Goldberg excelled in the classical repertory of Bach and Mozart to which he brought a fastidious refinement that entirely eschewed display. After making a name for himself in extreme youth as a soloist, he won even greater fame as an ensemble player, first in a string trio with Paul Hindemith on viola and Emanuel Feuermann as cellist, then in a sonata duo with Lili Kraus.

Lastly, in 1955, he founded the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra with which he played and recorded many works by Bach and others, readings that became benchmarks for such things at the time, even though their style has now been overtaken by performance on period instruments.

Although remaining an American citizen (he had become one in 1953), he spent much of the latter part of his life in Europe, with a particular liking for Britain, where he and pianist Radu Lupu formed an admired partnership recording all Mozart's violin sonatas.

Szymon Goldberg began violin lessons at the age of seven in Warsaw before moving to Berlin where he studied with Carl Flesch, who acted as a magnet for aspiring string players. As such Goldberg followed in the traditions of his great Polish predecessor, Bronislaw Hubermann. Among his coequals, all Flesch-trained, where Ida Haendel and Henryk Szeryng. Like them he was a gifted prodigy, and made his debut at Warsaw in 1921 followed by his first concert with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra in 1924, when — at 15 — he tackled concertos by Bach, Joachim and Paganini on the same evening, an extraordinary feat for one so young. Offers began to pour in. But Goldberg, wary of the prodigy label, preferred to gain orchestral experience.

He was made leader of the Dresden Philharmonic where he remained from 1925 to 1929 when Furtwängler invited him to become one of the leaders of the Berlin Philharmonic, a post he held for the next five years until forced out by the Nazis. In the trio he formed with Hindemith and Feuermann he then began touring Europe and the Far East, and then as soloist and in partnership with Kraus.

In 1942 during one of their tours of the Far East he found himself in Japan when the United States declared war on that country. He was imprisoned along with Kraus for two and a half years.

After the war he resumed his solo career. From 1951 to 1965, he was a faculty member of the Aspen Music Festival in Colorado. After the formation of the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra in 1955, he devoted most of his time to directing it and also tackling the solo concerto repertory with his own players as congenial partners. From 1977 to 1979 he was also conductor of the Manchester Camerata.

Goldberg played and interpreted everything with an innate and refined musicality, always avoiding the extrovert trappings of virtuosity, but his repertory was not confined to the classic warhorses. Besides his work in Baroque music, he also played the concertos by Bartok, Hindemith, Berg and Stravinsky with understanding of their idiom.

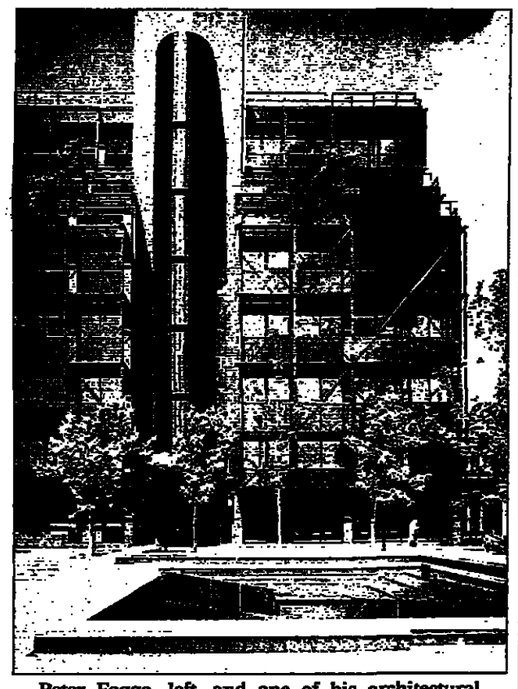
PETER FOGGO

Peter Foggo, CBE, architect, died in London from a brain tumour on July 1 aged 63. He was born on April 25, 1930.

PETER FOGGO saw the crucial importance of the conception in the design of a building. His clear-headed vision and daring in carrying through his ideas had already been proved during his 30-year long partnership with Arup Associates, one of the leading architectural and engineering firms in the country; yet the quality of numerous schemes he designed through his own practice in the four years after leaving Arup have confirmed his unique gifts.

Kenneth Peter Foggo was the son of a watchmaker. He was brought up in Liverpool and went to the old Liverpool Collegiate School. On leaving, his father persuaded him to opt for the comparatively safe life of a bank clerk and it was not until the relatively late age of 27 that he qualified as an architect at Liverpool University.

Nevertheless it is most unusual for an architect with his ability to have remained so little known, particularly since the buildings he personally directed while with Arup were of such a consistently high standard of excellence. One thinks particularly of his headquarters for Wiggins Teape at Basingstoke (now occupied by IBM) with its stepped-roof terraces so heavily laden with planting that the structure metamorphoses as landscape; of phases One, Two and Three, Finsbury Avenue in the City of London, masterpieces of delicacy in construction and the prelude to the far bigger and heavier Broadgate development next to Liverpool Street station; of the expressive office structure at Stockley Park, near Heathrow, with its white glass facades of translucent panels; and of the multipurpose building alongside Buckingham Palace Road (and over the railway from Victoria station) that looks as light and airy as if it had been erected from Meccano.



Peter Foggo, left, and one of his architectural designs at Finsbury Avenue in the City of London

All these works by Peter Foggo for Arup are notable for being inspired by precise requirements of site, surroundings and user: in brief, each is a portrait of people and place. Hence the extreme variations of the form and character they exhibit. Where those working behind tall glass facades in a narrow street are in need of protection from sun and glare, as in the Finsbury Avenue structures, screens of aluminium are devised that enrich the architecture.

At Buckingham Palace Road, on the other hand, it was the presence of the railway station that clearly exerted an influence, the recognition of it leading to the introduction of the enormous "Colonnade Walk" between the new building and the old stone screen built to hide the trains; with its shops and cafes, this magnificent gesture, covered throughout by giant glass canopies, has the scale and grandeur of the colonnades along the Rue de Rivoli.

The mastery of space and detail exhibited in both these works are the hallmarks of every design upon which he worked between the late 1960s and 1989, the year he opened his own office. In a sense, this move represented a continuation of work he had been doing with Arup on the masterplanning of Stockley Park for the architecturally aware patron, Stuart Lipton of Stanhope Properties. As a natural development of that involvement, he was offered an office block to design there which he turned into a spectacular form of an aerodynamic kind.

With this and another commission at Lipton's Chiswick Park scheme, he was also able to continue his explorations into light and natural ventilation (as against the air-conditioning that became so fashionable in the 1980s), preoccupations that particularly concerned him, and which are most noticeable at Buckingham Palace Road, his last work for Arup.

With these and several other fascinating designs unfolding, Foggo's practice was struck first by the recession and then by his own fatal illness.

He is survived by his wife Lilian and their two sons.

RONALD DAUBENY

Ronald Giles Daubeny, OBE, Comptroller of the last Viceroy's Household in India, died on July 15 aged 85. He was born on July 19, 1907.

RONALD DAUBENY was made Comptroller of the Household in New Delhi and Simla to the last Viceroy of India — Earl Mountbatten of Burma — in May 1947. He came to the position having served as an aide-de-camp (ADC) for one of the previous Viceroys — the Earl of Willingdon — in the 1930s.

Daubeny divided his time with Mountbatten between Sir Edwin Lutyens's palace in New Delhi and the Viceregal Lodge at Simla in the Lower Himalayas. Hedged in by lancers, chuprassies, mace-bearers, aides-de-camp and private secretaries, the Viceroy seldom spoke the vernacular and Daubeny's fluent Hindi was invaluable in running the huge households that had to be maintained. (Six Indian boys were employed solely to throw tennis balls at the pigeons which collected on the roof of the New Delhi palace.) Daubeny came to the job only two months after Mountbatten had taken over from the previous viceroy, and during the difficult period of transition to independence.

Ronald Giles "Daubs" Daubeny was the son of a rubber planter, much absent during his childhood. Money was scarce, and Daubeny was fortunate to be accepted as the first of the original 12 boys at Rendcomb College in Gloucestershire — founded by the philanthropist Sir Noel Wills in 1920 — whose fees were all paid for by scholarship. Rendcomb was short on amenities in Daubeny's day: the boys had to build their own tennis courts and outdoor theatre, and performed the household chores on a rota system.

Having tried and failed for a scholarship to Cambridge, Daubeny sat the Open Competitive Examination for the Indian Police and scored the maximum 400 points during the interview. He was trained at the Police Training College in Bihar from 1926-27, before progressing through the ranks. Daubeny was a keen sportsman, excelling at tennis, golf and polo, but he was not the typical Englishman in India (he complained that he could never afford the best polo ponies). Even so he was promoted fast for his even-handedness and sympathy in dealing with the Indians. In 1939 he was made ADC to the

Governor of Bihar and Orissa, Sir James Sifton, and Commandant of the Governor's Bodyguard.

Sifton was one of Daubeny's tennis partners, and when the governor visited Viceroy House in New Delhi he took Daubeny with him and introduced him to the Earl of Willingdon, then Viceroy of India. Willingdon found Daubeny an extremely courteous and charming young man and the upshot was that in 1933 Daubeny was made ADC to the Earl, an unprecedented promotion for a member of the Indian Police.

In April 1935 Daubeny transferred from the Indian Police to the Indian Political Service — the first from the police service to be transferred in peacetime. In May that year, a three-minute earthquake shook British Baluchistan wrecking the hill station of Quetta and killing 30,000 people, among them more than 90 Britons. Daubeny was placed in charge of the Quetta Earthquake Relief Fund and, with a network of fundraisers through the subcontinent and Britain, he was able to raise the staggering figure of more than £1 million.

Daubeny had a facility with languages, speaking fluent French, Hindi and Persian, and in 1940, he was seconded to the Persian Gulf and made vice-consul at Khorramshahr in Iran. His district covered the port of Abadan, headquarters of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, which played such a vital part in the Allied war effort. In February the following year he transferred to the British Legation at Kabul in Afghanistan — a country the Allies feared Germany would invade as a gateway to India — and worked alongside M16. He was appointed OBE in 1945.

Daubeny was encouraged to remain in the Foreign Office after Indian independence, and would doubtless have gone on to some ambassadorial appointment in due course had he done so. But financial constraints forced him to return to England. He settled at Linton, Kent, and in July 1948, joined the Anglo-Iranian Company (later BP) in London. He returned to Iran in 1951 to help oversee the withdrawal of company personnel, after the Iranian government nationalised the oil industry. He was made a BP director in 1957 and retired in 1967 to take up farming — beef cattle and sheep.

In 1955 Ronald Daubeny married Ann Haldin. She died in 1986. He is survived by their two sons.

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THE MISUSE OF MOTOR CHARS-A-BANCS.

The immense and sudden increase in motor char-à-bancs traffic has its evil aspects. Not the least of them is the behaviour of some of those persons who make a day's outing, generally on a Sunday, in one of these vehicles and are unable to remember that they are not the only people for whom the Sabbath was made. They are fortunately not numerous; but they are sufficient in numbers and perverse enough in conduct to make the roads unpleasant and unsafe for the orderly majority of such excursionists and for the motoring public generally. Already they have succeeded in bringing the motor char-à-bancs into wholly undeserved ill-repute.

The nuisance is to be crushed without delay. Throughout the metropolitan area on Sunday special police will be posted at various points with the sole duty of dealing with the new road hooligans. They will have the hearty support of every licensee of a motor char-à-bancs and every user of the highways. The offenders who have made this strong action by the police necessary belong to that type whose holiday hamper contains more drink than food, and who are as determined to be no more subject to the effects of the licensing regulations than they are to the rules of the road.

Two examples of the kind of conduct that calls for immediate suppression may be quoted. A party of men driving along a country road recently in a char-à-bancs resented the efforts of a private car to pass them. The sounding of the horn of the latter they greeted first with shouts of derision, and then with abuse; and finally one of the party threw an empty beer bottle at the car. The missile fell short and shattered itself on the road, with the result that the oncoming car tore a tire to pieces on the glass fragments. At half-past 4 in one of the main streets of Brighton on a recent Sunday another excursion char-à-bancs pulled up in the middle of the road and remained there while its occupants, who had plenty of liquor in the vehicle, drank their fill.

In cases where the vehicle is hired on the understanding that it makes a specified non-stop journey, a favourite trick is for some of the travellers to throw their hats into the road as the car passes a public-house. The char-à-bancs is pulled up for the hats—which, it is explained to the chauffeur, have blown away—to be fetched, and the owners of them return by way of the tavern. Singing, shouting, and general "mafficking" when passing through a town or village are less serious but still unpleasant pastimes of these offenders.

This rowdyism can do nothing but serious harm to the young and rapidly growing road transport industry, and the Motor Trade Association has already met and discussed means of suppressing it . . .

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Today, the coach, a luxurious vehicle generally air-conditioned and often fitted with a coffee bar and toilet, has replaced the char-à-banc — which the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary dates back to 1832 as "a long and light vehicle with transverse seats looking forward".

Not in our idyllic backyard

A dispute is raging over the widening of a road in an unspoilt part of Majorca, **Harvey Elliott** reports

A six-mile-long pot-holed road winding through the mountains of Majorca has become the centre of a dispute which epitomises the world-wide clash between tourism and the environment.

The road — which links the village of Deia with the town of Sóller — passes through some of the most spectacular, unspoilt coastal scenery in the whole of the Mediterranean. It is so narrow in places, however, that two coaches cannot pass each other. This has prompted the Balearics government to decide to widen and straighten the road. Work will begin in October.

The plan has outraged many long-term foreign residents of Deia, the mountain village in which Robert Graves made his home and which became a haven for poets, artists and musicians.

Deia is no longer the simple artists colony it once was. The traditional houses, which provided cheap accommodation for so many young painters and writers until the 1980s, are now in the hands of the wealthy and trendy.

Two of the island's best hotels are in Deia, even though the village has a population of only 594. La Residencia is now owned by Richard Branson, while Es Moli is the annual retreat for thousands, to whom the thought of a beach in Majorca would be the ultimate horror.

Although a few guests book through package tour operators, many more reserve a particular room direct through a specialist agency such as Thomas Cook.

At the same time, the tastes of package tourists who go straight to the south coast resorts are changing. They know Majorca is going up-market and want to see the other side of the island, so demand is growing for day trips.

"They used to travel in one direction only," says Angel Fernandez, manager of the Es Moli. "They left Palma early in the morning, got to Valldemosa by lunch-time, came through Deia in the afternoon and made their way through Sóller back to Palma. Now they come both ways at once."

Local protesters, including relatives of Robert Graves who still live in the village, reject the claim that the road would be safer. They argue that the very fact that it is narrow and winding forces cars to travel more slowly.

For many of the real locals, however, the old road is a nuisance, with coaches blocking their route to and from work and the market at Sóller. Some even look enviously eight miles towards Valldemosa. That village, renowned for its links with Chopin and George Sand, now has a big purpose-built coach park and wide roads giving easy access to Palma and the holidaying millions in the south.

The wealthy incomers, however, form a powerful lobby in Deia and do not want their idyll disturbed by tourists arriving by the coach load.

"We don't want people in Deia who want to pay 75 pesetas for a beer, but those who can afford and are willing to pay 250 pesetas," Talis Waldren, who manages La Residencia, says.

"The income for those who live and work here — and 90 per cent are employed in the tourist industry — is twice that of those in the rest of Majorca. Surely this is what we should be encouraging while preserving the beauty of the place."

Summer heat: flames and smoke dominate the beach at the resort of Cannes. Many areas bordering the French Mediterranean are at risk

French fight summer foe

The immediate mobilisation of forces has been ordered by Charles Pasqua, the French interior minister, to prevent the forest fires which regularly sweep the Riviera during the July-August holiday season.

More acreage has already burnt in the past six months than in the whole of last year in the Alpes-Maritimes region, where the resorts of Nice, Antibes and Cannes are close to high-risk areas.

Mr Pasqua has raised the country's fire-fighting budget by 50 per cent, to nearly £100 million. This week, five new helicopters joined the 16 water-bombing choppers based at Marseilles, flying back-up missions for 28 Canadairs, Trackers and Hercules aircraft that cannot easily penetrate the mountain gorges where many blazes begin. Put on alert were 1,600 civil defence workers and 2,500 soldiers to reinforce the 27,000 regular firemen in the Mediterranean regions most at risk: the Var, around St Tropez; the Bouches-du-Rhône, around Marseilles; the Alpes-Maritimes; and Haute Corse, in Corsica.

"No-go" areas have been a fact of summer life for years in parts such as the Esterel *massif* west of Cannes — something tourist boards gloss over. But from this week, even families out for picnics will be subject to spot checks by gendarmes to ensure that they are not arsonists. It is now recognised that arson is responsible for about half of the land destroyed each year in the South of France. The other fires are attributed to carelessly tipped rubbish, barbecues and camp fires, cigarette ends or electrical mishaps.

Would-be property developers have also been prosecuted in recent years. Laws have now been passed which ban redevelopment of fire-ravaged land for 15 years.

TONY ROCCA

Is the Nile a safe journey?

Egypt is spending £1 million on a campaign to woo back tourists

The Egyptian ministry of tourism has appointed a public relations company in a £1 million campaign to woo back visitors who deserted the country after a series of terrorist attacks.

The London firm Burson-Marsteller aims to reassure people that they can still enjoy a safe holiday along the Nile. Fears that foreigners were being targeted by Muslim extremists has severely hit tourism and cost the government about £1 billion in revenue.

Bob Leaf, Burson-Marsteller's international chairman, says his brief is "not to whitewash Egypt's image, but to put its problems into perspective".

He says: "We are working with the tourism ministry to explain the politics of Egypt to visitors, to announce the opening of new tombs and to put the facts to tourists. In no way are we trying to play down the country's problems, but Cairo really is one of the safest cities in the world to visit."

During 1991, tourists spent 16.2 million nights in Egyptian hotels, compared with almost 20 million in 1990.

Kenya has been similarly affected by attacks on foreigners. The tour operator Inghams is removing both countries from its brochures in November after disappointing sales. Owners Abroad and Airtours have pulled out of Kenya altogether and Thomson has pared down its programme.

A spokesman for Tropical Places, which still sends tourists to Kenya, said: "Once Kenya was the darling of all the major tour operators and the British loved its wonderful climate but its reputation has been blighted. The murders of Julie Ward and another British tourist were so widely covered that Baghdad and Tripoli became preferable to Mombasa and Nairobi."

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Far too big for the world

Mass-market tour operators are ruining the environment of holiday resorts all over the world while destroying consumer choice in Britain, it was claimed last week, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Noel Josephides, retiring chairman of the Association of Independent Tour Operators, told the annual meeting in London that countries which played host to holidaymakers could be wrecking their future.

"No host country can manage annual growth rates of more than 3 to 5 per cent. The infrastructure just cannot cope with the increase in volume. The scars of mass-market, high-volume, cheap tourism can be seen all over the world. Have the polluters been forced to pay whether they be the developer or the tour operators? No. They have just moved on to fresh pastures ripe for ruination," he says.

Mr Josephides urged destination countries to spread the number of operators they dealt with rather than rely on a handful of large ones who were seeking short-term growth and profits. "Your country will be there for generations; their companies, by their very nature, may have a short life span."

He also attacked "vertical integration" within travel groups with tour operators owning airlines and retail agencies. He plans to lobby the Office of Fair Trading, now investigating Britain's travel industry, to persuade it to recommend that the retail agencies now in the hands of three large groups be sold off.

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GEOFFREY SIMS

Bag a bargain on the beach

Whiling away lazy days on a beach deckchair in the sun this summer will be cheaper in Britain than in other popular holiday destinations.

The average cost of hiring a deckchair or sunbed in Britain, according to a new report, is £1 a day compared with £6.16 in France and £5.16 in Holland. Britain is also the cheapest country in which to buy a postcard: an average cost of 10p compared with 31p in America and 73p in The Netherlands.

Britain is the most expensive country for visiting a museum. The average entrance fee is £5, compared with £2.28 in Italy, £3.10 in America and only 50p in Thailand.

The survey, carried out by American Express traveller's cheques, shows that a bottle of suntan lotion on the Costa del Sol costs £8, £3.54 in Italy and £4.31 in France while a similar bottle in Greece is only £2.44.

Portugal has the most expensive T-shirts at £17, compared with less than £5 in America. France has the most expensive car hire at £314 a week, against only £68 in America, the report says.

Beer is cheapest in Portugal at 76p and most expensive in Sweden, at £3.50.

Thailand has the best film bargains at £2.35 a roll, compared with £4 in Britain and £5.16 in The Netherlands.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Going south

JOURNEY Latin America (081-747 8315) is offering a 3,000-mile journey from Santiago, Chile, south to Tierra del Fuego and back to Buenos Aires in Argentina over 24 days, departing from Heathrow on August 6 and costing £1,605 a person. Accommodation and food are not included, allow about £20 a day.

☐ JASMINE Tours (0628 531121) is offering an escorted tour of Yemen for 15 days, leaving on October 8 for £2,062 a person (based on two sharing). The holiday begins in Sana'a, an ancient city 7,500ft above sea level, and explores many of the villages of the north before heading south.

☐ AS A taster for Abercrombie & Kent's Escorted Wildlife Tours (071-730 9600), the company is offering an autumn wildlife weekend at The Dormy Hotel in Pemdown, Dorset, between October 22 and 24. The weekend is hosted by the same specialists who lead the overseas trips and includes illustrated talks, outings to local nature reserves and two nights accommodation for £115 a person.

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The high cost of staying single

He may travel fastest who travels alone, but he could pay through the nose for it, **Marianne Curphey** reports

More single people than ever are taking holidays alone — but are having to pay, in some cases, almost as much as two people for a hotel room. Many hotels charge a single person using a room up to 80 per cent of the price of a double room, while at others the cost per night is a flat rate, *regardless of the* number of occupants.

The Consumers' Association (CA) has called for the travel trade to end its prejudice against single travellers and to give them more consideration. It accuses the trade of discriminating against single people in favour of couples.

Patricia Yates, editor of *Holiday Which?*, the association's magazine, says her survey showed that single rooms were often poky and squalid. "Tour operators should look again at their pricing," she says. "Why should their customers have to suffer an inferior single room and pay a supplement for it?"

It is estimated that 76,000 single Britons will take holidays in this country this year — 12 per cent of the market. The number of divorced men and women in Britain has risen from 483,000 in 1973 to 2,571,000 in 1990, and the number of people under 44 who have never married has increased significantly.

The CA's survey found that many holiday brochures advertising solo packages offered a choice of only two or three hotels that did not charge a supplement, and that some tour operators were charging a bigger single room supplement than the hotels themselves.

"Tour operators tell us they are simply passing on charges levied by hoteliers, who think their restaurant and bar receipts will drop off if they have too many singles," Ms Yates says. "Our research does not bear this out. We telephoned several hotels to get their room rates and then looked at the single supplements charged by major tour operators, which were often higher."

A spokesperson for Thomson dismisses the claims, saying that the rate package tourists paid "is often a third less than the rate they could negotiate individually with hotels.

"We do have some hotels that do not charge supplements for single rooms at certain times, but if people travelling alone feel they have been put in a small, poky room they should ask for a different one.

> 'Every hotelier wants two people in his rooms and in his restaurant'

"Hotels are built and costed for 100 per cent occupancy and very often a person on their own will be occupying a room that could be used for a couple paying the full room price."

Ian Longstaff, marketing director of Longstaff Leisure (0756 760246), which runs a small hotel exclusively for singles in the Yorkshire Dales, says: "Single people will often feel left out if they go on traditional breaks, because every hotelier wants two people in his rooms and two people in his restaurant. Normally, single supplements are necessary because the change-around cost of laundry and bedmaking is the same whether one or two people use the facilities."

Paul Bach, of Saga Holidays (0800 300 500), a company specialising in trips for retired people, says: "Lots of people who travel alone feel they are being discriminated against — and indeed many are being charged unfairly high rates."

Despite the problem of limited facilities, tour operators are reporting a growing demand from single professionals in their thirties as well as over-60s who prefer to spend their annual breaks with like-minded people, rather than with families or among couples at traditional resorts.

Some companies predict a 30 per cent rise in the number of bookings for holidays tailored to the needs of single people next year. Sovereign (0293 599966), which has produced a brochure devoted entirely to single travellers called *Small World*, says it will be increasing its capacity by a third to cope with the demand.

After much wrangling with hotels, Saga Holidays now guarantees there will be no single-room supplements for its holidays within Britain. But this is mainly because its customers, retired people, can take breaks at cheaper, off-peak times. "At other resorts, such as Fuengirola on the Costa del Sol, we can guarantee no supplements between October and April," a spokeswoman says.

Solo's (081-202 0855) takes groups of singles aged 30 to 49, and 50 and over on UK weekend breaks and overseas holidays. Malcolm Green, the managing director, says: "We try to get round the single room problem by choosing times when hotels are quiet, for example Thursdays to Sundays when commercial travellers have gone home for the weekend and we can negotiate favourable rates."

IMAGE BANK

Island of great cricket and better beaches: the beauty of English Harbour, Antigua

Antigua aims to hook visitors

More hotel rooms and an improved airport for Viv Richards's homeland

Antigua has invited 200 travel agents worldwide to visit the Caribbean island for a week in September. Thirty of the agents will be from Britain.

Antigua no longer exports sugar, so tourism accounts for 65 per cent of the country's GDP. The number of holidaymakers from the United Kingdom to Antigua has almost doubled in six years, from 19,000 in 1987 to more than 36,000 last year.

Caribbean tourism has always relied heavily on the British, and the link between Antigua and Barbuda (a smaller island to the north) and Britain goes back to 1632.

Renovation and expansion of the international airport has just begun at a cost of ten million East Caribbean dollars (£2.5 million). The arrival and departure lounges will be enlarged, the baggage claim area improved and the number of immigration counters increased by the end of the year.

The government has placed a ceiling of 6,000 rooms on the number that the island, which has a population of less than 70,000, can handle. At present there are 4,000 rooms.

With the rejuvenated England cricket team back in action today, thoughts of potential visitors may be turning to next winter's tour of the West Indies. The England team arrives on January 15, with three matches due to take place on Antigua — against Antigua itself, starting on January 23, against the Leeward Islands starting on February 3, and the fifth Test match from April 16 to 21.

But Antigua, a Test venue for more than a decade, should have little problem attracting non-cricketing visitors to its shores too, such is the range of hotels and the number of spectacular beaches.

A leisurely catamaran trip around the island, arguably the best way to view it, takes little more than half a day. Of the more upmarket places to stay, three of the best are Hawksbill Beach, Galley Bay and Blue Waters. Hawksbill has four private beaches, 37 acres of property, and 100 rooms.

Prices vary significantly depending on the season: a Kuoni package at Hawksbill costs £1,306 per person for the best rooms in high season (around Christmas — six nights, sharing a twin room, BWIA flight from Heathrow) to £660 per person in low season (mid-September to mid-December). The temperature is good all year round.

The southeast corner around Nelson's Dockyard — Nelson lived on Antigua for three years — and English Harbour provides much of the island's historical interest.

TIMOTHY RICE

● *The author travelled to Antigua with Kuoni (0306 740888).*

Free-for-all cuts delays

Scheduled aircraft flying between Heathrow and Paris no longer have to stick to rigid take-off slot times under a new air traffic control system introduced by British and French authorities.

The procedure, called "free flow", enables the 30 aircraft flying the route each day to leave when they are ready and there is a gap on the runway.

British Airways says that as a result, delays have been reduced by 94 per cent from Paris to London and by 47 per cent in the opposite direction. Air France says delays have been cut by 97 and 98 per cent respectively.

Normally aircraft are given a precise slot time when they should be ready to leave. If they miss their slot they can be held up while another slot is negotiated along the whole of their route. Now French and British air traffic controllers have agreed to accept flights between the two capitals on an ad hoc basis.

If the experiment continues to prove a success, it is hoped to extend the system to other routes, although for many long journeys it will always be necessary to stick to slot times.

There has been a general decline in the number of delayed flights from British airports. The average delay on outbound flights from UK airports in May and June this year was seven minutes, compared with 14 minutes in the corresponding period last year. The delay in domestic flights was also seven minutes, down from 20 minutes for the same period last year.

Most of the improvement has followed the increase in the number of air traffic controllers employed by the CAA, the introduction of new radars, improved handling procedures and greater co-operation between control centres.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

TRAVEL BOSS

Fight for funds

DOMESTIC tourism in England would collapse if the government cut funding to the English Tourist Board, says an independent report published by the accountants Coopers & Lybrand.

Nationally led marketing campaigns such as seaside promotions would disappear and the ETB's national accommodation rating schemes would suffer, leaving many holidaymakers without a reliable indication of hotel quality, the 31-page report says.

The report was conducted for the ETB after the national heritage department, which oversees the running of the board, announced it planned to cut funding in 1995-6 from the present level of £13.9 million to £8.2 million.

Unwelcome guest

A FIFTH of small hotels and guest houses in Britain report deliberate damage by guests, according to researchers at the University of Leicester's Centre for the Study of Public Order. The average value of the damage reported was £99, and Blackpool showed up among the sample areas surveyed as particularly hard hit.

Hoteliers' complaints included bath rails ripped from walls, light fittings damaged, beer sprayed round rooms, wallpaper torn and graffiti. The items most commonly reported stolen from rooms were towels. A third of hotels had lost at least one.

On the up

RESORTS in the Mediterranean are facing stiff competition from the Caribbean, Florida and Mexico, because costs in the region have risen faster in the past ten years than in other destinations.

A report says that although the Mediterranean is the most important holiday destination in the world, it lost 4 per cent of its 31 per cent share of the market between 1987 and 1991.

The cost of travelling to the Middle East has halved since 1985, and a trip to Africa, South Asia or North America is far cheaper than eight years ago. The survey, *Tourism in the Mediterranean*, published by the Economist Intelligence Unit, says traditional hotels are losing out to campsites, holiday villages, and self-catering cottages.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

France's Motorail network is a better alternative to driving than ever

Savings in train

More British holidaymakers than ever will be taking their cars through France by train this summer, because SNCF, the French railways system, has not only expanded its Motorail network but also frozen prices at 1992 levels.

Taking advantage of midweek discounts and special cross-Channel fares, SNCF calculates that a family of two adults and two children could expect to save £200 by taking the train between Calais and Avignon rather than driving.

Although the Motorail fare, including second-class couchettes, is £532, there is nothing to pay for petrol, motorway tolls or running costs. Ferry fares can be reduced by £120, car recovery insurance is offered for £23 less, and SNCF suggests £50 could be saved on food.

More important than money, though, is the chance to save two days' holiday by travelling while asleep, and to avoid the nervous exhaustion attendant upon a 1,268-mile return chase up and down French autoroutes.

A new Motorail terminal opened in Calais in May, for services to and from Biarritz, Bordeaux, Brive, Narbonne and Toulouse in southwestern France, Avignon, Fréjus/St Raphael and Nice in the southeast, and Bologna, Milan, Livorno and Rome in Italy. The Nice service is the only one operated daily throughout the year.

New this summer are a weekly service to and from Innsbruck for holidaymakers heading for the Austrian Tyrol (until September 15), and special rates for Motorail passengers continuing their journeys on Mediterranean ferries to Corsica, Sardinia or the Balearic islands. There are also weekly services from Dieppe to Avignon and Fréjus until September 23.

Intending users should be warned, though, that food on services without a dining car is poor or non-existent. Travellers should take extra water or drinks. There is no air-conditioning in the sleeping accommodation, and top level bunks can be hot, even when windows are open.

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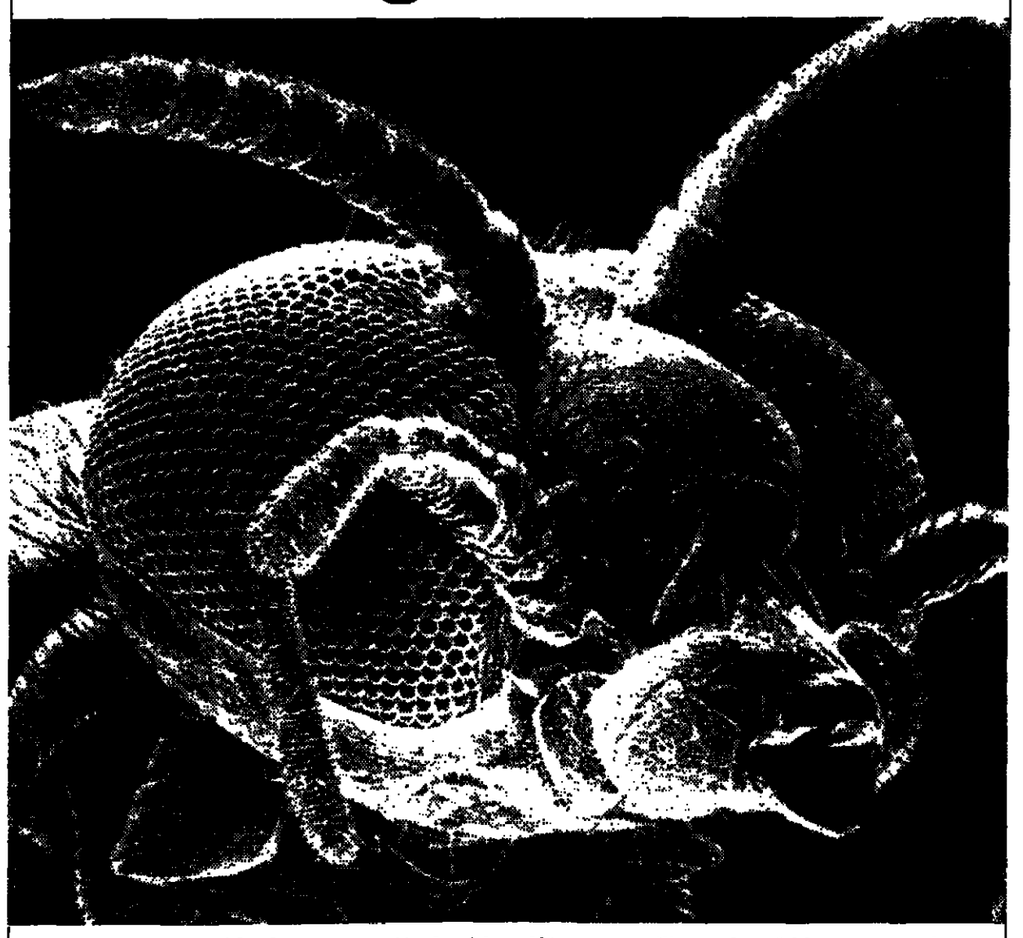

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Major seeks Ulster allies on treaty

■ As Betty Boothroyd, the Commons Speaker, warned the courts not to infringe Parliament's rights over Maastricht, John Major hinted at a deal to win the support, in tonight's crucial treaty vote, of nine Ulster Unionists.

In a letter to Kevin McNamara, the Labour Northern Ireland spokesman, the prime minister emphasised that all Ulster parties would be involved in finding a successor to the Anglo-Irish agreement ..... **Pages 1, 2, 16, 17, 27**

Pardoned drugs girls fly home

■ Karen Smith, 21, and Patricia Cahill, 20, freed on a royal pardon from a Thai jail after serving three years of long sentences imposed for trying to smuggle 57lb of heroin out of Thailand, ignored each other before catching a flight home ..... **Pages 1, 3, 17**

Gay murder charge

Colin Ireland, 39, unemployed and of no fixed address, has been remanded in custody charged with the murder of one of five homosexuals killed in London between March and June this year ..... **Page 1**

Recovery signs

The latest figures to underline Britain's economic recovery showed that high street sales last month jumped while exports with countries outside Europe were impressive ..... **Pages 1, 23, 25**

Protests clamp

Michael Howard, the home secretary, is preparing to introduce criminal sanctions which will give police officers tough new powers to deal with hunt saboteurs and protesters at sporting events ..... **Page 1**

Restless Asians

Britain's largest ethnic group, the 1.5 million Asians, is becoming restless about its lack of representation. Some moderate leaders fear this could lead to violence ..... **Page 4**

Roads battle

John Gummer, the environment secretary, has signalled a battle between the £23-billion roads building programme of the transport department and Britain's strategy to achieve environmentally sensitive growth ..... **Page 6**

Choice runways

Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and Marinair, a multi-billion-pound new airport project near Sheerness, have all been suggested as possible sites for runway development in a report handed yesterday to John MacGregor, the transport secetary ..... **Pages 1, 6**

Teachers needed

A secret government report reveals that class sizes will rise sharply unless at least 6,700 new teachers are recruited next year at a cost of £170 million ..... **Page 5**

Floods terror

Unrelenting monsoon rains battering northern India have taken the death toll to more than 500, leaving at least two million homeless, while more storms in the Midwest of America have swollen the flooded Mississippi river to a record level of 47ft — 17ft above expected flood levels ..... **Page 11**

Sarajevo peril

Serb forces threatening Sarajevo were poised last night to cut the Bosnian capital's last supply lines in what appeared to be an unstoppable advance ..... **Page 9**

Suspect suffocated

Gabriele Cagliari, the former ENI industrial group chairman under investigation for corruption, suffocated to death in a Milan prison, according to a post-mortem examination ..... **Page 10**

Russians raided

At least two Russian soldiers were injured when rebels, operating from Afghanistan, shelled a Tajikistan border post ..... **Page 10**

Feeling the width to boost tweed

■ Sales of Harris Tweed, distinctive Highland cloth worn by generations of country folk, have slumped over the past decade because antiquated looms cannot weave the width of cloth wanted in America. Now a £10 million injection of Scottish and European Community investment capital is to save the industry by developing double-width looms ..... **Page 5**

Watch that tiger: Banda, a rare two-month-old white cub, stays close to mother, Kaddu, at Longleat safari park yesterday

Coal: Nine further mines are to close bringing more job losses said British Coal as it unveiled a £588 million loss ..... **Page 23**

Aerospace: A cross-party committee of MPs reckon policy on aerospace is not adequate to cope with the competition although it believes Britain has "tehcnological strength" ..... **Page 24**

Markets: Sterling strengthened sharply against leading currencies, supported by positive economic news on retail sales and the balance of trade, rising 1.53 cents to $1.5160 and .50 pfennigs to DM2.5763. The FT-SE 100 feli 9.8 to 2,814.1, recovering from a 22.1 fall in mid-session ..... **Page 26**

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Cycling: Zenon Jaskula became Poland's first winner of a Tour de France stage, but Spain's Miguel Indurain remained unshakeable as the race leader ..... **Page 40**

Waterskiing: Jane Elliott finds that as far as competition goes, it is getting harder to tell the difference between junior and senior events, especially in Britain. More than half of the medals at the national championships were won by skiers under 21 ..... **Page 42**

Personal value: What hurts the middle-class burglary victim is the realisation that the battlements of the Englishman's castle can so nonchalantly be breached ..... **Page 14**

Ominous events: "Trust me, I'm a dentist"; well not until they stop ignoring infection control guidelines to reduce the risk of catching HIV at the dentists from small to zero." Tom Mangold on Aids dangers ..... **Page 15**

Saintly sinner: Mary Magdalen is the victim of a patriarchal plot to keep women in their place, according to a new history reviewed by Piers Paul Read ..... **Pages 36, 37**

Tango with Bambi: The two main film releases this week offer a bizarre contrast: *Tango* is a tough, violent thriller; while the re-released *Bambi*, 51, offers a gentle antidote to the monstrous prehistory of *Jurassic Park* ..... **Page 33**

One night band: Why are 173 Romanians performing Verdi's opera *Nabucco*, for one night only, in the open-air at Rochester Castle? Richard Morrison went to Bucharest to find out ..... **Page 35**

Council defended: Bryan Magee, chairman of the Arts Council's music advisory panel, has defended the council's decision to stop funding two of London's famous orchestras ..... **Page 33**

Yevgeni Yevtushenko, found on his 60th birthday that today's generation had dropped what they consider to be yesterday's poet
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Betty Boothroyd, Commons Speaker, warned judges not to infringe Parliament's rights over a legal challenge on the Maastricht treaty
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James Naughtie, who presents Radio 4's *The World At One*, is to join the *Today* programme when Brian Redhead leaves in March next year
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When is a Ford not a Ford?

■ Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent, takes a close look at the new four-wheel-drive car that started life as a Nissan

Changing the taste of the nation

■ How Prue Leith transformed Britain's idea of restaurant food

Treasures of Flanders

■ Richard Cork reviews the summer show at the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge: a spectacular display of medieval Flemish art including some notable discoveries

The Truth Lies in Rostock (C4, 10.35pm) investigates a petrol bomb attack on Vietnamese guest workers in east Germany and suggests that the police and local politicians stood by and let it happen ..... **Page 43**

Reason and conscience

To vote with an opposition party on tactical grounds is not an idea alien to loyal Tory voters — as thousands in Christchurch are once again about to prove. To vote against an act of Parliament is hardly a treasonable matter when the Bill would never have become an act without the concession of the "ticking time bomb" social chapter motion that is to be debated tonight ..... **Page 17**

Returning with dignity

It would be wrong if Miss Cahill and Miss Smith return to Britain as heroines, supposed martyrs to the iniquities of a foreign justice system ..... **Page 17**

TONY BENN

The pending court case represents a major shift of political power from an elected chamber to a bench of judges appointed by use of the royal prerogative through the Lord Chancellor ..... **Page 16**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

There is one obvious reply to the fear that some of the political and legislative powers of parliament are being transferred to the courts. The Treaty on European Union itself transfers major powers, particularly in finance and foreign and defence policy, from the United Kingdom parliament to Brussels ..... **Page 16**

A variety of views are expressed on the Maastricht treaty as the Commons prepare to vote on the social chapter ..... **Page 17**

People now view a political class with effective tenure as part of the problem, not the solution. The return of the House Post Office scandal suggests that the winds of change may be picking up force in this country as well.

The Wall Street Journal

Whether someone swiped a few thousand may not seem like much of an issue when balanced against the economy and health-care reform, but it's just the kind of petty theft that shatters confidence in government.

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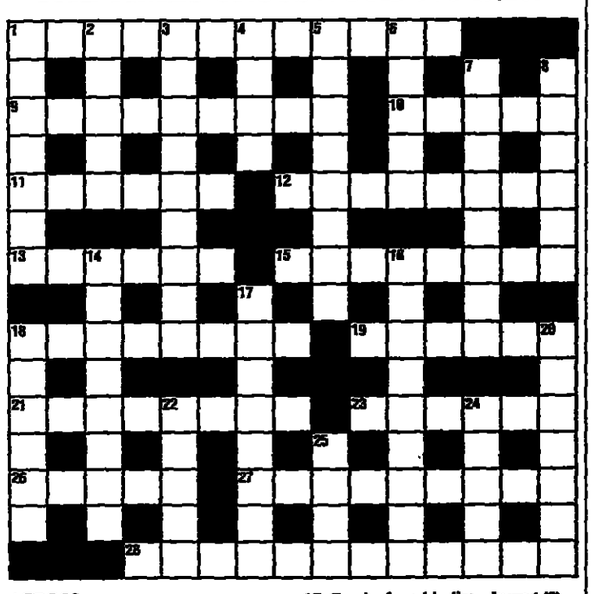

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2 Rank and file finally thrown over (5).
3 Paper writes up great city sports event (9).
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5 Part of building closed up, awaiting the developer? (8).
6 Burdened with sin of false denial, I quit (5).
7 Course in two languages together, almost (8).
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14 Deny game was thrown to produce cupholder (8).
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17 The power one may acquire, going along with movement (8).
18 Show enormous impatience to see old ship (6).
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24 Name splendid sheikdom (5).
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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.12
Austria Sch	18.10	17.80
Belgium Fr	58.10	51.70
Canada $	2.048	1.888
Denmark Kr	10.52	9.72
Finland Mkk	9.31	8.61
France Fr	9.34	8.54
Germany Dm	2.71	2.51
Greece Dr	365.00	340.00
Hong Kong $	12.27	11.27
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lira	2495.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	181.00	162.00
Netherlands Gld	3.05	2.82
Norway Kr	11.55	10.75
Portugal Esc	280.50	242.50
South Africa Rd	5.80	4.90
Spain Pta	207.50	194.50
Sweden Kr	12.59	11.79
Switzerland Fr	2.385	2.205
Turkey Lira	17400.0	16400.0
USA $	1.508	1.478

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Most of England and Wales will have a dull, wet start, with heavy rain in places. The rain will clear eastwards. Western counties will remain cloudy with drizzle. Some rain in southern Scotland and the northern isles, dying out in the morning. Further rain will spread to Northern Ireland and Scotland later. Winds light to moderate westerly. Outlook: rain clearing from Scotland and Northern Ireland, then showers and bright spells.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Madrid	25	77	s
Alicante	29	84	s	Mallorca	28	79	s
Alexandria	29	84	s	Malaga	28	79	s
Algiers	27	81	s	Malta	31	88	s
Amsterdam	16	61	r	Malta'mo	14	57	c
Athens	32	90	s	Mexico C*	21	70	c
Bahrain	36	97	s	Miami*	34	93	t
Bangkok	34	93	c	Milan	25	77	s
Barbados*	30	86	t	Montreal*	26	79	s
Barcelona	24	75	t	Moscow	21	70	r
Beirut	27	81	f	Munich	16	61	r
Belgrade	30	86	s	Nairobi	19	66	t
Berlin	15	61	c	Naples	28	82	s
Biarritz	18	64	c	N Delhi	29	84	t
Bkok'k	21	70	t	N York*	28	82	s
Brussels	15	59	s	Nice	22	72	t
Budapest	17	63	r	Oslo	19	66	r
B Aires*	15	61	f	Paris	17	63	c
Cairo	33	91	s	Peking	23	84	c
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Perth	18	64	c
Chicago*	28	79	s	Prague	17	63	t
Christchurch	6	43	c	Reykjavik	13	55	c
Cologne	18	64	c	Rhodes	28	79	s
Cyprus	31	88	s	Rio de J	33	91	s
Corfu	29	84	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
Dublin	16	61	c	Rome	24	75	s
Dubrovnik	30	86	s	Salzburg	17	63	c
Faro	28	82	s	S F'isco*	18	64	s
Florence	28	82	s	Seoul	28	82	t
Frankfurt	18	64	c	Sing'por	32	90	t
Funchal	22	72	s	St'kholm	15	59	r
Geneva	17	63	t	Strasb'rg	19	66	r
Gibraltar	28	79	s	Sydney	18	61	s
Helsinki	21	70	c	Tangier	30	86	s
Hong K	31	88	r	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Innsbruck	15	59	r	Tenerife	24	75	s
Istanbul	27	81	f	Tokyo	20	68	c
Jeddah	38	100	s	Toronto*	24	75	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	t	Tunis	30	86	s
Karachi	32	90	f	Valencia	26	79	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Venice	14	57	c
Le Toquet	16	61	t	Vienna	22	72	s
Lisbon	30	86	s	Warsaw	23	73	t
Locarno	27	81	s	Wash'ton*	34	93	t
L'Angeles*	21	70	c	Wel'ngton	13	55	s
Luxemburg	15	59	c	Zurich	18	64	t
Luxor	39	102	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

Scotland low; N Ireland low; Wales low; South West low; North low; East Anglia low to moderate; Midlands low to moderate; South East low; London low.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.0hr.

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.0	-	16	61	cloudy
Anglesey	1.8	0.01	16	61	drizzle
Aremore	0.6	0.02	16	61	cloudy
Belfast	1.3	-	16	61	cloudy
Bognor Regis	8.9	0.08	20	68	shower
Bristol	5.5	-	21	70	sunny
Buxton	0.6	0.11	12	54	shower
Cardiff	7.3	-	19	66	bright
Clacton	0.7	0.07	16	61	cloudy
Cromer	0.8	0.42	15	59	cloudy
Eastbourne	2.9	-	19	66	cloudy
Edinburgh	6.7	0.10	17	63	shower
Eskdalemuir	3.1	0.19	17	63	drizzle
Exmouth	7.6	-	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	2.8	-	18	64	bright
Glasgow	4.6	-	18	64	drizzle
Guernsey	9.3	0.02	19	66	sunny
Hastings	1.7	-	19	66	cloudy
Isle of Man	7.9	-	15	59	sunny
Jersey	8.5	-	20	68	sunny
Kirkwall	0.1	0.05	16	61	rain
Leeds	0.2	0.05	18	64	shower
Lerwick	0.4	0.01	13	55	rain
Littlehampton	6.6	-	20	68	bright
Liverpool	0.9	0.02	15	59	cloudy
Morecambe	4.2	0.01	17	63	bright
Newcastle	2.0	0.01	17	63	bright
Penzance	5.5	0.06	19	66	bright
Poole	4.3	-	22	72	cloudy
Salcombe	7.2	-	20	68	sunny
Sandown	5.4	0.26	21	70	shower
Saunton Snd	5.2	-	17	63	bright
Scarborough	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Scilly Isles	5.9	-	18	64	sunny
Southend	1.5	0.59	18	64	cloudy
Stornoway	0.1	0.01	13	55	shower
Torquay	3.5	-	21	70	cloudy
Tiree	-	-	13	55	drizzle
Torquay	8.6	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	7.1	-	21	70	sunny
Wick	0.1	0.04	13	55	rain

These are Tuesday's figures

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.34	7.5	4.50	7.4	Liverpool	1.43	9.8	2.09	9.6
Aberdeen	3.47	4.5	4.25	4.3	Lowestoft	12.07	2.3	12.05	2.8
Avonmouth	10.08	13.4	10.25	13.6	Margate	2.44	4.9	2.55	4.8
Belfast	1.27	3.6	1.58	3.2	Milford Haven	9.04	7.1	8.22	7.3
Cardiff	9.53	12.4	10.10	12.6	Newquay	7.56	7.1	8.13	7.3
Devonport	7.41	5.3	7.55	5.6	Oban	7.30	3.8	7.43	4.0
Dover	1.29	8.8	1.57	6.8	Penzance	7.43	5.4	7.58	5.7
Falmouth	8.11	5.1	8.35	5.4	Portland	8.48	2.1	9.03	2.2
Glasgow	3.27	5.1	4.13	4.7	Portsmouth	12.45	4.8	1.16	4.9
Harwich	2.21	4.1	2.47	4.1	Shoreham	1.42	6.3	2.17	6.4
Holyhead	12.43	5.9	1.10	5.6	Southampton	1.16	4.5	1.49	4.6
Hull	8.55	7.7	9.29	7.6	Swansea	9.09	9.7	9.27	9.9
Ilfracombe	8.51	9.4	9.09	9.6	Tees	6.18	5.6	6.51	5.4
King's Lynn	9.08	7.0	9.49	6.7	Wilton-on-Nze	2.21	4.3	2.27	4.3
Leith	5.14	5.7	5.52	5.6					

London 9.33 pm to 4.40 am
Bristol 9.43 pm to 4.50 am
Edinburgh 10.08 pm to 4.22 am
Manchester 9.51 pm to 4.39 am
Penzance 9.49 pm to 5.07 am

Sun rises: 5.10 am — Sun sets: 9.03 pm
Moon rises 9.16 am — Moon sets 10.02 pm
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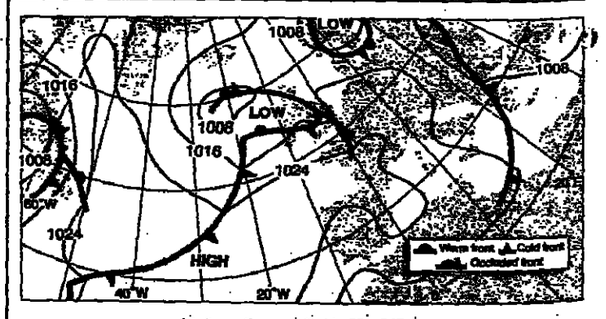
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	12	54	r	Guernsey	14	57	c
Birmgham	17	63	c	Inverness	14	57	c
Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	17	63	f
Bristol	17	63	c	London	17	63	c
Cardiff	18	64	c	M'chester	15	59	c
Edinburgh	15	59	c	Newcastle	15	59	c
Glasgow	16	61	f	R'dnessy	15	59	c



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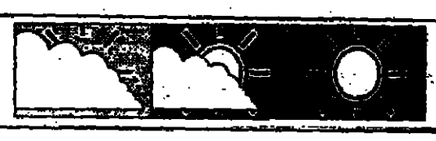

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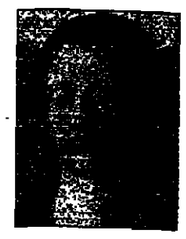

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US $ ..... 1.5160 (+0.0153)
German mark .. 2.5734 (+0.0050)
Exchange Index ..... 82.1 (+0.5)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2814.1 (-9.6)
Dow Jones ..... 3544.50 (-0.26)*
Nikkei Avge 20080.91 (+42.91)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6⅛-5⅞%
US Federal Funds..... 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.07-3.05%*
Long Bond 6.58%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5145*	£:$	1.5135
$:DM	1.6990*	£:DM	2.5700
$:SWfr	1.5010*	£:SWfr	2.2733
$:Ffr	5.8055*	£:Ffr	8.7820
$:Yen	108.50*	£:Yen	164.30
£:SDR	1.0812	£:ECU	1.3228

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 391.60 ..... PM 392.40
Close 391.60-392.10
New York
Comex 390.55-391.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.0 June (1.2%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Coal mountain means more mines will close

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITISH Coal said yesterday that further mines would close and more jobs would go, as it announced a net loss of £588 million — pushed up by the high cost of its pit closure programme.

British Coal also said that the market for additional coal sales over the next two years, on top of those already agreed with the electricity generators, might be no more than 8 million tonnes.

Managers would not put a figure on the number of colliery closures such a tonnage level might imply. However, they accept that, with growing competition from gas and nuclear power — and high coal stocks held by British Coal and especially the generators — British Coal could meet its likely commitments through more — but not many more — than its 19 core pits and its opencast output.

National Power and PowerGen have rejected British Coal's offer to supply extra coal at what Coal said were "very competitive" prices. One company said it was happy with the price level but had no need for any coal now, while the other balked at the price and the need to take on any coal.

The generators' stock levels currently amount to about 33 million tonnes, and they have told British Coal that they intend to run those down to about 10 million tonnes.

Neil Clarke, British Coal chairman, said: "If those stocks run down over the next two years to the levels indicated, then there may be no room in the market for more than about 8 million tonnes of additional sales in the next two financial years — concentrated heavily in 1994-5." He confirmed that British Coal could meet such a requirement, if there was one, from its own stocks of 15 million tonnes — currently being added to at up to 250,000 tonnes weekly.

He believed that with the subsidies promised by the government, the generators should buy additional coal from British Coal, but acknowledged that if the generators took a hard commercial view, then "they need not take any additional coal in the current financial year".

How much they did take would determine how many mines would be kept open. He said of further closures: "They are inevitable, I fear, but I cannot say how many unless we can see a much larger market than we see at the moment."

The government's White Paper, he said, had not achieved the "radical transformation" of the coal market British Coal had sought, and accepted that some of its 19 core pits could be closed if the pits currently being market tested were found to have better specific markets for their coal.

British Coal said 18 companies — none of them large, international mining firms — of the 300 originally expressing an interest had so far posted bonds of £10,000 to allow them to examine the 19 pits being offered to the private sector under licence. Detailed tenders for the first tranche of pits, with additional bond payments of £50,000, have to be with British Coal by Monday.

British Coal recorded a £545 million operating profit, pushed on by reduced costs driven by a 20 per cent improvement in productivity, in 1992-3 — up £123 million — to give its third successive annual improvement.

But provision for exceptional restructuring and other costs of £1.02 billion resulting from the closure programme led to a bottom-line loss of £588 million, compared with last year's £185 million profit.

While it has made no specific provision for next year, British Coal accepts that its next results could also be hit by further exceptional costs from new closures. Mr Clarke said: "The year should, despite the need to make exceptional provisions, be recognised as one of considerable achievement and progress."

British Coal's annual report showed that 61.8 million tonnes were mined in the year at an average rate of 6.34 tonnes per worker per shift — a 19.4 per cent jump on the previous year and the biggest rise in a single financial year.

In the first three months of this year, output per manshift rose to an average of 7.49 tonnes and topped 9 tonnes earlier this month — 25 per cent higher than a year ago.

CHRIS HARRIS

Closures inevitable: Neil Clarke, speaking yesterday, said the number would be decided by the size of market

MPs urge more state cash for aerospace

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

A COMMITTEE of backbench MPs is calling for a £100 million a year increase in state support for the aerospace industry, declaring it a litmus test of the government's commitment to manufacturing. Without more help for developing new technologies, the industry faces decline, the MPs say.

The cross-party trade and industry committee also calls for an end to competitive tendering in defence equipment purchases, introduced a decade ago. Reporting on a four-month enquiry, the MPs urge the defence ministry to take responsibility for the health of Britain's aerospace industry through a partnership similar to that being forged between big manufacturers and their suppliers.

This should form part of a strategy covering research and technology, launch aid, procurement, international collaboration, export promotion and training, they say.

The report contains a plea for an EC "stabilisation fund" to ease the problems caused by fluctuating exchange rates for a long-term industry manufacturing in Europe but pricing its products in dollars.

Aerospace is one of Britain's most successful industries, employing 167,000 people and generating sales in 1991 of £10.4 billion, 70 per cent of them overseas.

The report says the long time horizons involved in developing and producing aircraft may have concealed the industry's weakening foundations as faster-growing rivals in France, Germany, Japan and elsewhere exceed its technical strength.

In the past five years, thousands of jobs have been shed by companies such as British Aerospace, Rolls-Royce and GEC Marconi as defence projects have been cut.

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Franc left exposed by German M3 rise

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

THE franc came under heavy selling pressure again after news of a disappointing and unexpected rise in German M3 money supply raised doubts about whether the Bundesbank will cut official interest rates next week.

The franc was about 3.4175 to the mark in late trading, around the critical levels reached last week and again very near its 3.4305 floor in the exchange-rate mechanism. Meanwhile, sterling continued to surge on the back of positive economic news, its trade-weighted index closing at 82.1 from an opening of 81.8 and Tuesday's close of 81.6.

The franc's slide came after the Bundesbank said M3 money supply rose at an annualised 7.1 per cent in June, well outside the target range reconfirmed last week of 4.5-6.5 per cent.

This wiped out any positive reaction to the Bundesbank's cut in its repurchase rate to 7.15 per cent from 7.28 per cent last week, more than dealers had dared to hope for. The money supply figures leave the question of lower German official rates in doubt.

This, coupled with reports in *Libération*, the French magazine, that Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, had clashed with Jacques Chirac, Gaullist party leader, over economic policy, leaves the franc extremely exposed.

The Bundesbank council meets next Thursday for the last time before the summer recess. Thomas Mayer, of Goldman Sachs in Frankfurt, said: "The Bundesbank would have a lot of difficulty to explain how it can cut rates again with M3 above target." In its monthly report for July, the Bundesbank continues to take M3 as seriously as ever. It is clear the bank has no domestic justification for rate cuts next week.

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EBRD extends top post deadline

Wibble tribute

By Colin Narbrough

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has been forced to extend by a week to July 27 the deadline for entries to the race for the post of president left vacant by the ignominious departure of Jacques Attali.

The original closing date yesterday passed with only three names in the ring amid talk that Giuliano Amato, the former Italian prime minister, was close to becoming a contender. The three formal candidates are Jacques de Larosière, governor of the French central bank and considered the front runner, Denmark's Henning Christophersen, the European economics commissioner, and Leszek Balcerowicz, a former finance minister and architect of Poland's economic reform.

The EBRD confirmed that it had finalised resignation terms under which M Attali waived a £147,000 payoff and received only partial immunity from possible claims against him by the bank, as reported in *The Times* yesterday.

In a letter, Anne Wibble, EBRD chairman, acknowledged M Attali's "important contribution in getting the bank operational with remarkable speed". Under the nine-point trade-off M Attali signed, the ex-president was given immunity from any claims "arising out of the matters described in the reports of the audit committee of the bank or Coopers & Lybrand". Immunity also covers any acts or omissions made by M Attali "in good faith" as president. This leaves him open to pursuit by the EBRD for possible irregularities outside the scope of the reports, and where he can be demonstrated that he had not acted in "good faith".

When good news is a selling opportunity

ANTHONY HARRIS

Puzzle: the UK news continues to outrun even the most optimistic forecasts. On every significant measure — output, productivity, earnings, inflation, retail spending and the trade balance — the figures are golden. Yet the stock market remains weak. The Footsie now stands some 6 per cent below the March peak, provoking the first of the bearish columns in this space which some readers are beginning to find tedious. Prices fell sharply on yesterday's instalment of pleasant surprises. How come?

Market men, who can always find a reason, put it down to political uncertainty. Yet gilts, which are especially vulnerable to politics, are still within pennies of a 20-odd year peak. In any case, today's vote on the social chapter has been flagged for weeks. Most hard-headed traders accept that we will have to come much nearer to European standards of workplace safeguards, chapter or no chapter, since the continentals launch new charges of British social dumping most days: so even if the government caved in to the House (highly unlikely), the economic impact would be manageable. The idea that the markets are depressed by a supposed threat to John Major also seems far-fetched. "Always keep a-hold of nurse for fear of meeting something worse" is all very well as a general rule, but in this case it is ridiculous.

A second fundamentalist explanation — that is, one which clings to the idea that markets respond mainly to news — is that the news is too good to be true. There is rather more in this. The May output figure, and the productivity number derived from it, certainly owes as much to seasonal adjustment as to anything that happened on the factory floor. But even if you knock a full percentage point of both numbers, you are left with output currently rising at an annual rate of well over 9 per cent, productivity up by a similar number year-on-year, exports outside the European Community again up by the same amount, and unit labour costs sharply down.

Even the truth, then, seems too good to be true; so why the sulky market? A fundamentalist with his back to the wall could argue that the news is certainly too good to be sustainable. (True; but it is still much better than expected.) In the same spirit, gilts market fogies argue, like central bankers, that inflation may be low now, but just you wait. This is a little more rational than the attempt to devalue the news from the real economy; but since gilts buyers, as we have seen, are taking no notice, why should equity investors?

The real last ditch for fundamentalists is profits. They can point out that the unexpectedly large bounce in retail sales last month — double the optimistic end of the consensus — is attributed to an early start to the summer sales; and if shoppers will only buy at cut prices, margins must fall. This tendency has run much further in the US, and is discussed at length by Jim Grant in his current *Interest Rate Observer*. Grant leans to fogy views on inflation, but is readier than the governors of the Federal Reserve to admit facts which make him look wrong. "Americans," he says, with his own brand of hyperbole, "are buying their mouthwash in 55-gallon drums." American shoppers and low-paid Mexican workers are holding inflation down, and could, he admits, go on doing so. UK retail shares reflect this view.

However, it is money flows and market psychology which surely hold the main answers. British finance directors clearly regard the market as over-priced: hence £3.5 billion of equity issues in the past month, but next to no hostile bids. Add in BT3 and unexpectedly large tap sales of gilts, and institutional cash balances must be under heavy pressure (watch the broad money numbers). UK PLC is in the course of a steady debt-for-equity swap, and de-gearing is bound to depress prices.

Meanwhile, the contrarian analysis of markets is proving as robust as ever. The market cannot respond to good news because all possible good news, and some that is probably not possible, is already discounted at current levels. It is like the old investment rule for elections — buy on the campaign and sell on the victory. Or, of course, sell in May and go away.

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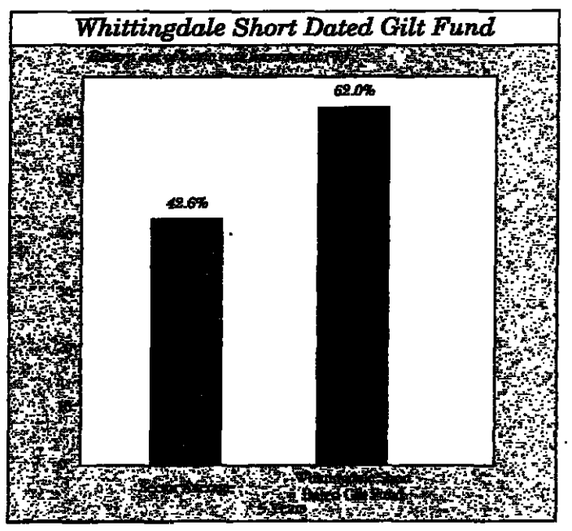

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How Britain's aircraft industry has come close to stalling speed

BY ROSS TIEMAN
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FROM the Sopwith Camel via the Spitfire to Concorde and the Tornado, few British industries have so captured the public imagination with their products as Britain's aerospace manufacturers.

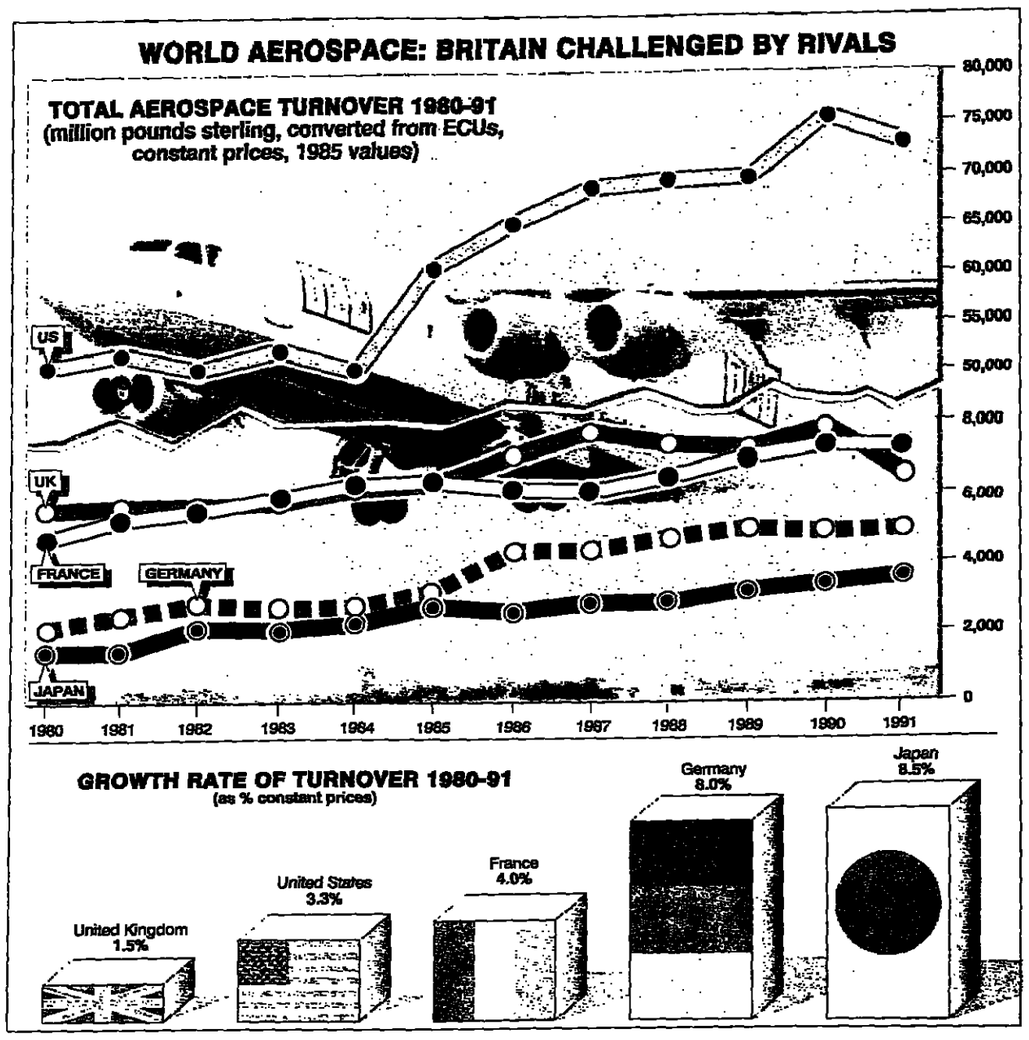
Victory in two world wars provided the UK with a defensive capability and a technological edge out of all proportion to the national economy. Until two years ago, Britain maintained an aerospace industry surpassed in the western world only by that of the United States.

Then, in a little-remarked blow to national prestige, a half-century record was broken. France overtook the UK to claim the No.2 slot in terms of sales. The slow growth of Britain's aerospace industry, while smaller rivals expanded rapidly, focused attention on the risk that Britain would fall by the wayside in yet another industry which it had pioneered.

The battle is intensifying, but the UK has a headstart. As the trade and industry select committee report into the aerospace industry, published yesterday, notes, "this is far from being a lame duck industry, seeking rescue from its own failure or protection from more efficient competitors. It is an area of UK technological strength, seeking the chance to compete on something approaching equal terms."

There's the rub. The cross-party committee of MPs concludes: "In our view, the UK government's policies are not at present an adequate response to the nature of the government-backed competition the UK industry faces."

The select committee paints a picture of an industry with special characteristics. Foremost is the long period between investment and payback. Rolls-Royce, the aircraft engine maker, told the enquiry it could take 14 years to research and demonstrate new technologies and a further 14 years to deploy the results in a complete product range. Another 25 years will elapse before the resulting increased market share is reflected in sales of spare parts. Complete aircraft can also have product cycles stretching up to four decades.



For a modern 150-seat airliner, up to 600 planes might have to be built for a manufacturer to break even, with 1,000 sales needed to be really profitable. By 1992, only six jet airliners, all American, had reached that level. As a result, companies increasingly spread risk through international collaboration. But sharing work also means sharing technologies.

For half a century, innovation that originated in state-funded military programmes has been transferred into civil aircraft, subsidising their development. But according to an EC study, public support for the European industry in 1990, including purchases of warplanes, amounted to £11.7 million, compared with £41.9 million in the US. Britain's big defence budget may have helped in the past, but the benefit is declining.

International projects, such as the four-nation Tornado, Eurofighter and Airbus series of planes, inevitably lead to some of Britain's leading technologies being acquired by overseas partners. The upside is a bigger market for the finished product.

The committee concludes that international collaboration will continue to grow as the cost of product development increases. To remain attractive as partners, UK companies will need to remain at the industry's technological forefront.

The most critical recommendation, therefore, is for the government to back the industry's own National Strategic Technology Acquisition Plan, a set of collaborative research programmes designed to develop technologies which aerospace manufacturers will need for the next two decades. These would be modelled on an existing successful engine programme, but would focus also on the "cockpit" (for systems integration) and the "intelligent wing" (for aerodynamics, systems and equipment). The government has indicated its willingness to follow this approach, but has not committed itself to providing the £100 million a year the industry says is needed match its own commitment. Present government spending in this field is just £19 million. This, the committee says, must be reinforced by a coherent strategy to ensure that government decisions enhance the industry's ability to thrive. The government should investigate the possibility of providing launch aid, currently given in the form of cheap loans, as loan guarantees, or of offering deferred pay-back. They should be available to equipment makers as well as aircraft builders.

The DTI should monitor state support received by overseas competitors, and react accordingly. Ministers should press for the agreement between the EC and the US, limiting state aid, to be extended to aero-engines, but should halt the DTI's tendency to extend it unilaterally to small aircraft.

Defence ministry officials should be instructed to take into account the industry's long-term health in its procurement decisions, as well as short-term cost savings, the MPs say.

A parliamentary debate should take place before ministers decide whether to buy a replacement for the RAF's Hercules transport aircraft, due at the turn of the century, from the European industry or from America. Technologies for the plane could provide a critical lift for European civil aircraft programmes, the MPs say.

Only one recommendation divided the committee's members. The report calls for a government study to encourage conversion of defence manufacturing capacity to civilian uses. But Sir Cranley Onslow, a Conservative member, doubted the benefits of this, suggesting that it would provide unfair competition for companies already in civil markets.

The committee acknowledges that this is not a good time to be calling for increased government spending, but insists the sums are small in the context of the industry's turnover and contribution to the balance of payments. "Whether they can be afforded depends on whether the government considers it important to maintain the UK aerospace industry's competitiveness," the report concludes.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Dunhill says profits may tumble this year

DUNHILL Holdings, the luxury products group, gave further warning that it could suffer a significant profits fall this year. The shares tumbled 30p to 337p, after Lord Douro, the chairman, told the annual meeting that first-quarter results had been disappointing.

He said there was little sign of recovery in key markets, of which Japan is particularly significant. "It is the board's current view that a convincing recovery" would be needed "to avoid a significant reduction in operating profit from that of last year". In a restructuring plan that involves Dunhill, its parent Rothmans International and Richemont Dunhill will become part of the newly created Vendome luxury goods group that will also include Cartier.

Renishaw warning

SHARES in Renishaw fell 34p to 240p after the manufacturer of precision instruments gave warning that annual profits would be about £6.75 million, well below last year's £9.09 million. David McMurtry, chairman and chief executive, said the company had been hit by recessions in Germany, France and Japan. On a brighter note, he said there were signs of increasing activity in the North American market, growing demand for its products in the UK and indications of large potential demand in the Far East. The market for the group's new products was encouraging. Tempus, page 27

Shares for Heinz chief

TONY O'Reilly is betting $2.5 million against the cautious Wall Street view of Heinz, the US food company where he is chairman, president and chief executive. For the first time in 20 years, Mr O'Reilly has bought Heinz shares in the open market, adding 68,000 at $36.63 each, bringing his direct stake to 3.25 million shares. The price was a couple of dollars above their worst for the year. Wall Street has been concerned at Heinz expectations for growth, but Mr O'Reilly says prospects for a major recovery are now apparent in the UK, one of Heinz most important markets.

FKI pays out £740,000

FKI, the engineering group, has paid out £740,000 to departing directors over the past two years, it has been revealed. The annual report and accounts disclose that Alan Baxter, the former executive director of UK operations, who left in June of last year, received a payoff of £300,000. In the previous 12 months, Norman Scoular, the group chief executive, left FKI with £440,000 in compensation. A spokesman for FKI said yesterday that both directors had received less in compensation than the value of their outstanding contracts.

AIM boosts dividend

AIM GROUP, the maker of aircraft interiors that sold its air conditioning contracting division last year, announced a rise in the total dividend to 7.5p (6.5p) via a 6p final for the year to end-April. The boost for shareholders came on the back of taxable profits that rose 17 per cent to £3.63 million (£3.11 million). The disposal of the contracting division led to a reduction in borrowings and that, combined with lower interest rates, meant finance charges were reduced to £378,000 against £1.3 million last time. Earnings per share in the period rose 21 per cent to 16.6p.

Property company rises

PSIT, the property company formerly known as Property Security Investment Trust, boosted pre-tax profits to £8.7 million (£6.7 million) in the year to end-March, as investment rents rose to £19.6 million (£17.7 million). In addition, the directors say that since the end of the financial year there are signs the property market may have bottomed out. There is an extraordinary after-tax profit of £1.3 million — a capital gain on selling some quoted securities. A final dividend of 2.625p makes 4.125p for the year (3.75p).

Waterglade backs down

WATERGLADE, the property group, has withdrawn its request for an extraordinary meeting of Seafield, a Dublin property concern with interests in transport, at which it planned to force out the incumbent board. Waterglade, which has 11 per cent of Seafield, had planned to oust Seafield's executive directors and to replace them with its own. Waterglade said that it had backed down in agreement with Seafield's board. Seafield is in talks which could involve the sale of its property company or bring in a new investor.

Small firms 'improving'

BRITAIN'S smaller companies are continuing to experience recovery, according to the Association of British Factors and Discounters (ABFD). Turnover for ABFD members, who provide cash against unpaid invoices, jumped by 23 per cent to £9.3 million in the first half of this year. Bad debts handled by the ABFD slipped by 6 per cent to £6 million in the first six months of the year. Alan Hughes, ABFD chairman, said that small firms were seeing the biggest year-on-year increase in turnover for six years.

Bigger Warburg issue

SG WARBURG's subordinated convertible bond issue has been increased to £91 million from an initial £80 million. The merchant banking group is raising new funds to take advantage of "a number of attractive opportunities" in its banking, trading and derivatives operations. The conversion price of the issue, due to mature in the year 2008, has been set at 854p a share. The bonds will qualify as lower Tier 2 capital under Bank of England guidelines. Warburg said improved activity had continued into the current year.

BAe trails America but leads the rest

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Aerospace, Britain's leading aircraft company, is the largest aerospace business outside the United States. On turnover, it ranks number five in the world league table after Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, General Electric and United Technologies.

BAe's military business, based at Wharton in Lancashire, builds and modernises Tornado, Hawk, and Harrier warplanes, and is developing the Eurofighter with European partners. The civil aircraft arm, based at Filton, near Bristol, is a partner in Airbus Industrie, building wings for the whole Airbus range. BAe also builds short-haul turbo-props and jet aircraft. The latter, reflecting the pressures for collaboration, are to be put into a joint venture with the naissant Taiwanese aircraft industry, provided it can raise the necessary funds.

By turnover, GEC, with sites around the country, is Britain's second largest aerospace business, closely followed by Rolls-Royce at Derby, one of the world's top three aero-engine builders. Lucas Industries, Dowty, and Westland, the Yeovil helicopter builder, are next largest, backed by a huge network of component suppliers.

Short Brothers in Belfast, now owned by Bombardier of Canada, is Britain's third notable airframe builder, producing the Tucano trainer and a range of missiles and components.

In 1991, total employment by leading aerospace companies was reckoned to be 167,614. Total sales amounted to almost £11 billion, of exports amounted to more than £7.1 billion. Airframes provided 45 per cent of total sales: engines accounted for 22 per cent and the balance arose from equipment, much of it supplied to American manufacturers for whom the British aerospace industry is the leading overseas supplier.

Despite the upsurge of continental and Far Eastern manufacturers, the British aerospace industry is still remarkably capable. According to the select committee "only the US, the UK and Russia now retain the technical capability to make complete large airliners."

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BR maintenance to be privatised

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

BRITISH Rail's maintenance depots, which employ more than 4,000 people, are to be sold, the government announced. Roger Freeman, the transport minister, said the privatisation, which could include management and employee buyouts, should be completed next year.

The main sites involved are at Eastleigh, Hampshire; Doncaster, South Yorkshire; Wolverton, Buckinghamshire; and Springburn, Glasgow. A total of 3,400 employees work at these depots. Also for sale are depots at Ashford, Kent, and Ilford, Essex, as well as electronic repair centres at Swindon, Wiltshire, and Eastleigh. These employ 800 people.

Mr Freeman said: "The sale . . . will be in the best interest of the railway and the workforce." In 1992-3, the sites to be privatised had a total turnover of £228.3 million.

Labour claimed that private industry was largely ignoring government plans to sell off BR. Brian Wilson, transport spokesman, said there seemed to have been only 16 genuine expressions of interest, mostly from local bus companies seeking to operate small-scale services. "Vast amounts of money are being spent and a massive upheaval created within our railway industry against the background of mounting disinterest from the private sector," he said.

Mr Freeman hinted that two sections of BR competing for government money for new trains might both be successful. A total of £150 million of leasing money is available and Network South-East needs the money to introduce Networker commuter trains. Last week, it emerged that ABB, the train-maker, might have to shed 1,100 jobs at its York base if the Networker purchase does not go through.

Freeman: next year

InterCity needs to re-equip its West Coast main line, from London to Scotland, with high-speed 225 trains.

Rail unions said that the planned sell off would lead to a "jobs disaster" as well as weakening safety standards. Tony Woodley, vehicle building secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, said: "This is another kick in the teeth for British manufacturing which will lead to a further weakening of the railway infrastructure. Not only will jobs be jeopardised, but the travelling public could be at risk because of the weakening of safety standards."

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Clarke hails retail sales leap and trade deficit drop

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor made his most positive statement yet on economic prospects for Britain after better than expected retail sales data and a narrowing trade deficit

THE flood of more positive economic data continued yesterday, with a rise in retail sales last month that was more than double what had been expected and news of the fourth successive monthly decline in Britain's trade deficit with countries outside Europe, courtesy of record exports.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said that the figures, together with last week's strong manufacturing figures, showed that "a broadly based recovery is well under way", probably his most positive statement on the recovery since he took up his post.

Retail sales jumped by 1.3 per cent in June, way above City forecasts, which had averaged a rise of about 0.5 per cent. Sales were up 3.9 per cent from last year and the Central Statistical Office said that the average weekly value of retail sales last month was £2.74 billion, about 6 per cent higher than last year.

The non-EC trade deficit confounded pessimists, who had been looking for the gap to widen by falling from £770 million to £613 million, taking it to its lowest level since July 1991, according to the CSO. Exports last month rose to a record high of £4.846 billion, reflecting a stronger performance by British manufacturers profiting from the devaluation of the pound, while imports were little changed at £5.459 billion, evidence of still-subdued consumer demand.

Stephen Lewis, of the London Bond Broking Company, said that the trade figures appeared to reflect genuine improvement although he noted that European trade — which is about two thirds of all trade — is far more important and more worrying to the government as continental Europe slows.

But he was cautious about too positive an interpretation of the retail sales figures, which largely reflected the bringing forward of summer sales. He said: "I don't think there is a lot of growth here".

Ian Harnett, of Strauss Turnbull, also noted that the early summer sales were a large factor. He added: "It does show that consumers are confident enough to buy as long as the price is right." He noted that clothing and footwear sales volumes were up 9 per cent in June. The British Retail Consortium welcomed the sales figures and said there had been a "sustained recovery" during the first half of 1993.

However, James May, the consortium's director-general, said that retailers remained concerned about the lack of solid consumer confidence.

Among other pieces of economic evidence yesterday was the Woolwich Building Society's report that 350,000 households had been released from the negative equity trap because of rising house prices and a statement by 3i, the venture capital group, that business confidence among independent companies had leapt to its highest level since before the recession.

There was also news yesterday of signs of life in the construction industry. New orders in the three months to May were 2 per cent up on the previous three months and 6 per cent up on the same period a year ago.

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Sales over: Dieter Bock, left, and Tiny Rowland, the Lonrho joint chief executives, who have indicated no more asset sales will take place

Payment victory for elderly investors

By Sara McConnell
Personal Finance Correspondent

HUNDREDS of elderly investors have won the right to claim compensation for financial losses suffered after taking out equity-linked home income plans.

Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Cresswell overturned an Investors' Compensation Scheme rule that restricted eligibility for compensation to those who had taken out plans after August 1988, when the compensation scheme started.

They also ruled that the ICS had been wrong to halve compensation if one spouse died before the firm selling the plan was declared in default. The compensation scheme pays a maximum of £48,000 per person, so a couple stand to receive a maximum of £96,000. Before the judgment, the maximum a surviving spouse could claim was £48,000.

In the late 1980s, many elderly people were persuaded to mortgage part of their homes and put the resulting lump sum in a single premium investment bond. Income from the bonds was meant to pay the mortgage and leave some extra, but the value of the bonds fell, in some cases by thousands of pounds.

Barnett Sampson, the firm of solicitors fighting for a review of ICS's rules in these areas, welcomed the decision as "a victory for the investor".

The ICS said: "We will need to consider the judgments in detail and see how they will work in practice but we welcome the clarity given to some very difficult technical issues." It has not decided whether to appeal.

STC Submarine Cables sale creates world's biggest group

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THE world's biggest maker of undersea telecommunications cables, with a 40 per cent share of a market that is itself growing 15 per cent a year, will be created with the £600 million purchase of STC Submarine Cables by Alcatel Alsthom, the French group.

STC Submarine Cables is part of STC, formerly quoted on the London stock market but bought for £1.9 billion by Canada's Northern Telecom in 1991. Alcatel's offshoot Alcatel Cable will buy the company if the anti-monopolies authorities in Brussels, London and Ottawa approve the deal.

The merged business will have sales totalling about 800 million ecus (£605 million), and will therefore leapfrog AT&T, the American market leader currently, and the Japanese concerns Fujitsu and NEC Corporation to create a company that will be European-owned and take the prime place in the submarine cables market.

STC's submarine side employs 1,200 people, most at two sites in Britain at Greenwich, southeast London, and Southampton and the rest in Portland, Oregon. Alcatel's business employs about 1,000 people, mainly in France and Australia with small plants in Greece and Norway.

Alcatel said there were as yet no plans for job losses at the STC business, although the strategy for the merged group is still being worked out.

The deal will enhance the French company's geographical coverage in its main markets, taking its production into Britain and the United States. The French business is the larger in sales terms, accounting for about 500 million ecus.

Neither side expect any problems with regulatory authorities over competition. Alcatel said the deal was being viewed positively by both and would allow Northern Telecom to concentrate on its core businesses. The Canadian company a year ago sold its land cable offshoot to Pirelli of Italy.

☐ Northern Telecom yesterday also announced the loss of 5,200 jobs around the world as part of a large-scale restructuring. In a statement with second quarter 1993 results, the group said its restructuring, which will cost US$282 million after tax, will involve rationalising and consolidating manufacturing facilities and cutting infrastructure support costs.

The job loses mean a cut in the global workforce of about 5,200 employees, and will be substantially complete by the end of 1994. Northern Telecom announced a second-quarter net loss for 1993 of US$1.03 billion (US$69 million profit), and said it expected to report a loss for the full year.

Lonrho sells stake in Krupp firm

LONRHO is selling its 50 per cent stake in Krupp Lonrho, the German trading group that it has held since 1988, for DM282.5 million and will use the proceeds to cut debt (Colin Campbell writes).

Borrowings will fall from £587 million to £477 million, clipping gearing to 27 per cent. Dieter Bock, joint chief executive, said Lonrho's gearing level was now "very healthy", indicating he has sold as many assets as he wanted to. Three non-executive directors are expected to join Lonrho by the year end.

Lonrho bought into the German group, whose interests include steel, bulk carriers, railway equipment and fuel trading, in 1988, paying DM200 million. Pre-tax profits that year were DM6.4 million. Profits rose to DM23.9 million in 1989 and DM27 million in the following two years, but fell to DM11 million in 1992.

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Hanson prices US strike cost

By Colin Campbell
Mining Correspondent

THE spreading American strike that has affected several Peabody coal mines will lead to a £29 million charge against Hanson's third quarter profits to end-June — and possibly a similar charge against fourth quarter profits as well, Lord Hanson, chairman, said.

The United Mine Workers of America union was trying to coerce Hanson into forcing its 100 per cent owned Peabody group to submit to totally unacceptable terms, Lord Hanson said. He made it plain "that it is something we shall never do".

Strike rumblings first affected Peabody in February and resurfaced in May. The coal strike has now spread to 18 out of 22 Peabody operations that are governed by the labour contract with the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA).

Another seven Peabody mines are unaffected and are still profitable, he added. The UMWA "appears to be heading for a long confrontation", Lord Hanson added.

There has already been extensive sabotage to equipment, to be covered by part of a £15 million charge out of a total quarterly charge of £29 million, and if the strike is prolonged, then it will bring "disastrous consequences for the employees involved and possible permanent closures of certain mines," Lord Hanson added. He said the matter was entirely one for the management of Peabody and the UMWA to settle. But despite repeated requests, the UMWA refuses to resume bargaining. Unless it relents, Peabody's results for the three months ending September (Hanson's fourth quarter) could be affected at a similar rate, the group said.

Recently, union officials called for a world-wide body to represent Peabody workers. The question of Peabody labour contracts was raised at Hanson's recent extraordinary general meeting, but the chairman reiterated that Hanson was prepared to accept the short term costs of the strike "to ensure Peabody's long term competitiveness".

Sage shares dive on profits rethink

By Our Deputy City Editor

ANOTHER of the stock market's wonder shares has stumbled after a profit warning prompted by the newly-tightened rules on disclosure to the City. Shares in Sage Group, the computer software company, lost almost a quarter of their value after an admission that this year's profits would not reach analysts' forecasts.

David Goldman, chairman of Sage and owner of a 10 per cent stake, said profits before tax would still be ahead of the £8.85 million reported for the year to end-September 1992 but would not match the £10.8 million that was the average market expectation.

The shares plunged 119p to 385p on news of higher-than-expected spending this financial year on the Remote Control International subsidiary bought in October and a sales shortfall from the DacEasy accounting software business, also based in America. Mr Goldman said British and French operations were achieving strong profits growth and the group continued to be cash-generative and confident about the outlook for the 1993-94 financial year.

Sage shares have rocketed from their placing price of 130p in 1989, helped most recently in March this year by a recommendation from Jim Slater, the stock market tipster, in another newspaper, when he singled them out for long-term growth. The shares were tipped at 567p and went as a result to a high of 603p before a sharp and almost immediate decline, leading to the profit warning and yesterday's fall to below £4.

Mr Goldman said to the best of his knowledge no one within or close to the company had spoken to Mr Slater before the recommendation. He had also taken up the matter with Cazenove, the company's broker, and had again been told that no one there had helped Mr Slater with his research.

Goldman: confident

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Doubt cast on Medeva chiefs

By Carl Mortished

THE positions of Bernard Taylor, chairman of Medeva, and other senior executives could be at risk if there are further shocks such as the profits warning that halved the share price this week, analysts said.

They were responding to a letter from Mr Taylor to shareholders of the pharmaceuticals company, in which he promised no further big acquisitions without evidence that the company's strategy was successful.

Mr Taylor acknowledged that Monday's warning that 1993 profits would be £10 million lower than forecasted did not fully explain the share price collapse. "The fall ... would appear to reflect wider concerns than could be accounted for by the revised profit outlook alone," he said.

The share price fell a further 8½p, to 102p.

Medeva, a former stock market high-flyer, blamed the profits downturn on the fact that US wholesalers held large stocks of drugs manufactured by IMS, a business acquired last year. Analysts questioned why the wholesalers had been allowed to build up such stocks. Medeva has issued more than 100 million shares as payment for acquisitions since its flotation in 1990, a period in which the share price quadrupled and profits rocketed from £4 million to £35 million.

On Monday, it was announced that MD Pharmaceutical, another subsidiary, was to shut down for two weeks to deal with matters raised by an American FDA inspection and report. Armstrong Pharmaceuticals, a US company acquired in January, is awaiting an FDA decision on the manufacture of a generic respiratory drug.

Smith takes the platform for CBI

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BUSINESS leaders at the annual conference of the Confederation of British Industry in the autumn are to be addressed by John Smith, the Labour party leader — the first time a political party head has spoken at the CBI.

Mr Smith will be sharing an appearance with a battery of cabinet ministers, including Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, although they will not be on the platform in Harrogate at the same time.

Perhaps more to Mr Smith's taste will be an appearance by Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, who will address the conference during its debate on Europe.

CBI leaders have been among the most vocal in opposing the EC's Social Chapter, of which M Delors is a keen supporter, and on which the government is facing a crucial Commons vote tonight.

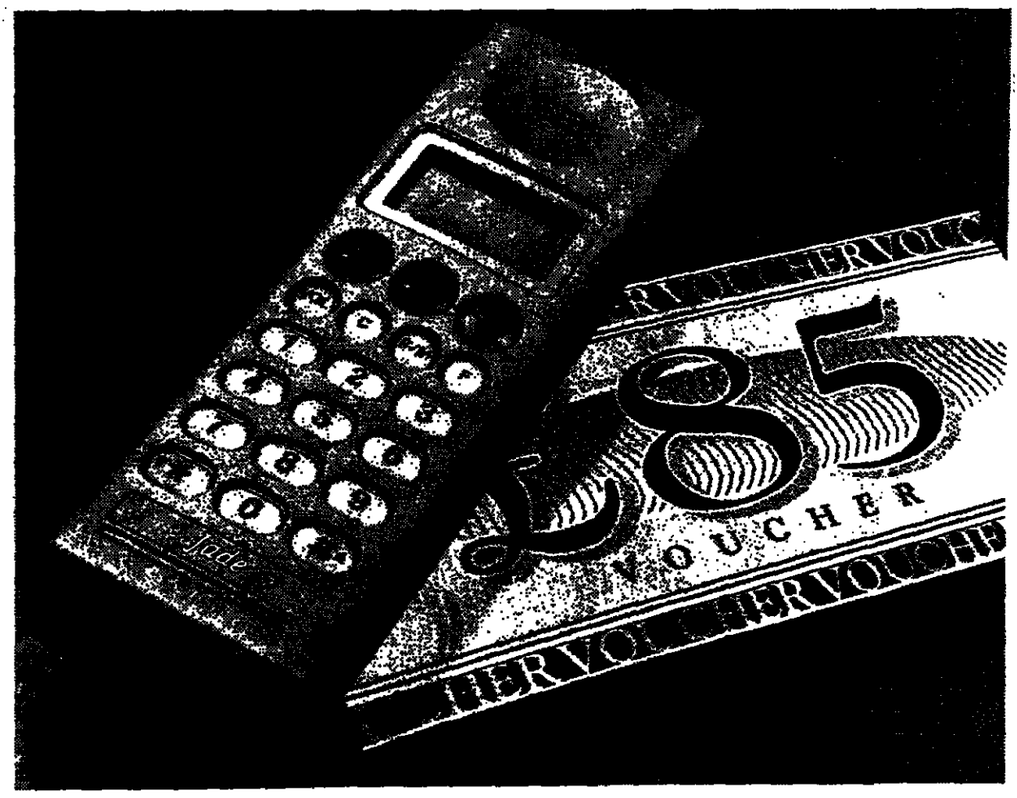
Mr Smith, who is understood to have accepted after a personal approach by Howard Davies, CBI director-general, will not take part in any of the debates, but will address the conference on its second morning in the main hall, before the business delegates and the media, but before the conference starts its main business of the day.

The CBI, which opposed Labour, and especially its programme for industry and business, at the last election, said yesterday that Mr Davies and Sir Michael Angus, CBI president, wanted a broad range of speakers at the conference, and that business delegates ought to be able to judge for themselves what the Labour leader had to say. Mr Smith advisers regard the visit as an important and different platform for him.

While Conservative leaders have addressed other CBI functions — the prime minister spoke to the annual dinner earlier in the summer — none has ever spoken to the annual conference.

As well as Mr Smith, Mr Clarke and M Delors, other speakers are due to include Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and David Hunt and John Patten, employment and education secretaries respectively, plus Peter Sutherland, the new director-general of Gatt.

Lord Owen, the EC's mediator in Bosnia, will also appear, addressing a breakfast meeting, while business speakers include Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, Sir David Lees, chairman of GKN, and Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman of Bupa.



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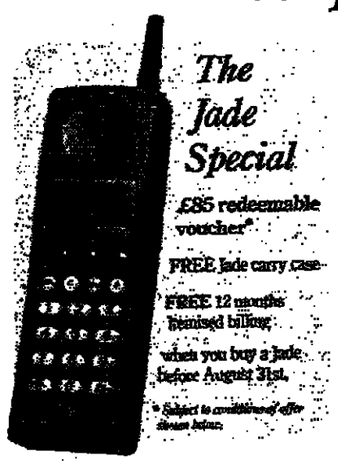

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STOCK MARKET

Pressure on supermarkets as City waits for more price fights

THE shares of the big supermarket chains came under renewed pressure as the City faced up to an intensification of the food price war.

Smith New Court, the stockbroker, yesterday "fine-tuned" its profit forecasts for the food retailers after a gloomy statement on trading conditions from **Argyll**, the Safeway supermarket group, earlier this week. Food price inflation is running at about 1.5 per cent — its lowest level for years — and this is causing intense pressure on margins.

The news from Argyll echoed similar comments made earlier this month by **Asda**, down 1p at 62¾p. Last night, there was growing speculation that **Tesco**, 2p easier at 202p, is set to step up the pressure on its rivals by introducing a new round of price cuts of leading lines accompanied by a major television advertising campaign. Brokers expect Tesco to cut the prices of between 75 and 200 own-label brands shortly.

J. Sainsbury, which has remained upbeat about trading prospects, recovered from an early fall to end unchanged at 450p. But there were losses for **Iceland Group**, 4p to 210p, **Kwik Save**, 12p to 658p, and **William Morrison**, 6p to 124p.

The rest of the equity market continued to lose ground unsettled by the latest rise in the German money supply and UK retail sales figures that seem to rule out an early cut in interest rates.

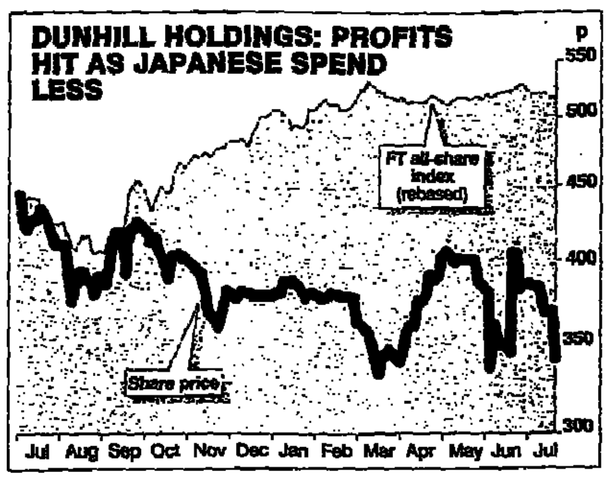
These, combined with a general lack of support, saw the FT-SE 100 index go down 22 points before halving the fall to end 9.8 lower at 2,814.1. Turnover remained thin with 554 million shares traded.

Glaxo fell 10p to 521p after heavy selling overnight from New York after another profit downgrading. But **BAT Industries** shook off recent weakness, with a rise of 7p to 437p. Sentiment has been cheered by the announcement that Philip Morris is increasing the price of its cheaper cigarette brands in America by 8 per cent.

Lasmo firmed 3½p to 137½p as almost 10 million shares changed hands. Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley were both reported to be bidding for stock. **GEC** jumped 5p to 329p, with BZW thought to be chasing the shares higher.

The banks continued to lose ground before the dividend reporting season. **National Westminster** finished 9p lower on the day at 482p as Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, urged clients to switch into **Barclays**, 5p cheaper at 473p. Talk earlier this week suggested that Nat West might use its interim trading statement to launch a rights issue.

Other banks to lose ground included **Abbey National**, 4p to 399p, **Bank of Scotland**, 6p to 150p, **HSBC**, 7p to 624p, **Lloyds**, reporting next week, 14p to 565p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 7p to 291p, **Standard Chartered**, 15p to 820p, and **TSB Group**, 3p to 196p.



Several profit warnings were announced. **Dunhill**, the luxury products group, fell 27p to 340p as it gave a warning of a fall in operating profits. It blamed a downturn in Japanese consumer spending, the weak economies of Germany, Italy and Spain and the hesitant recovery in Britain and America.

Shares in **Sage Group**, the computer software specialist, tumbled 119p to 385p after issuing a profits warning. TIt said that pre-tax profits for the current year to September 30, would be lower than market estimates of about £10 million but ahead of the £8.9 million reported last year.

A profits warning also left **Renishaw**, the instrument maker, nursing a loss of 34p at 240p. It said that pre-tax profits for the current year would fall 25 per cent short of the £9 million forecast in the City.

There was little cheer for shareholders of **Airsprung**, the furnishings group, down 13p at 475p, after touching 465p. The group said at the agm that sales were up, but profits for the same period were slightly lower.

Medeva, the pharmaceutical group, continued to lose ground, falling another 8½p to 102p in the wake of Monday's profits warning. The fall on the week is 120p, but the group said it was committed to rebuilding investor confidence.

United Newspapers firmed 1p to 522p as the rump of its recent rights issue was placed. The 1.7 million shares were placed jointly by Cazenove and UBS at 522p.

Reuters hardened 16p to £14.08 ahead of interim figures next week, with analysts looking for pre-tax profits of £210 million against £187 million last time.

Pilkington, Britain's biggest glassmaker, eased 1p to 131p as Sir Antony Pilkington, the chairman, encouraged shareholders at the agm by reporting that the first three months of trading in the current year had shown an improving trend. Talks about the disposal of Sola, the American optical group, were continuing.

There were also words of encouragement for shareholders of **De La Rue**, the security printer, at its agm. The Earl of Limerick, the chairman, said he was becoming increasingly confident of an improved first-half performance.

□ **Gilt-edged:** Gilts lost ground on the back of the stronger than expected retail sales figures and lower European bond prices. Dealers said there was also nervousness about the size of the latest gilt auction.

The September series of the Long Gilt fell more than £½ to £108$^{3}/_{16}$, with 43,000 contracts completed.

MICHAEL CLARK

France puts first state companies up for sale

The first four state companies to be privatised by France's conservative administration will be Rhône-Poulenc, the chemicals group; Elf Aquitaine, the oil company; and two banks: Banque Nationale de Paris (BNP) and Banque Hervet, the finance ministry announced last night.

Shares in Rhône-Poulenc and BNP will be offered in September, "if market conditions permit". The government hopes to raise Fr40 billion by the end of this year.

The state holds 43 per cent of Rhône-Poulenc, which has annual sales of Fr81.7 billion and 73 per cent of BNP, turnover Fr38 billion. Elf is the biggest company among the 21 listed for sale, with annual sales of Fr200 billion. The state holds 51 per cent. Banque Hervet, where the state has a 55 per cent interest, has annual turnover of Fr1.1 billion.

Verity plans £5.9m refinancing

Verity Group, known for its Wharfedale hi-fi speakers, announced a complex £5.9 million refinancing to rebuild its capital base as it also estimated losses of up to £4.25 million in the year to end-June. The cash-raising exercise involves a general placing and open offer at 6.5p to raise £4.9 million.

The refinancing will reduce Verity's gearing to 34 per cent and boost net assets to £7.8 million from under £1 million at present. Verity is due to report its preliminary results next month.

Gatt Saudi move

Gatt has agreed to work for the early admission of Saudi Arabia as a full member after the application won support from Middle East and Asian states. Gatt's ruling council set up a panel to study the Saudi request at a session where other Moslem countries argued its entry would help the organisation move towards its declared aimed of bringing in all the world's trading states.

Plan sanctioned

The High Court sanctioned a $425 million scheme of arrangement for Maxwell Communication Corportion, the late Robert Maxwell's main listed vehicle which owns Macmillan Inc, the publisher, and the *Official Airlines Guide*. This follows confirmation by American courts of the scheme devised by Price Waterhouse, the administrator.

Worthington slips

Disappointing performances from the button wholesaling and trimming businesses cut back full-year pre-tax profits at Worthington Groupto £650,000 (£1.1 million) on sales of £14 million (£13.6 million). Earnings per share in the 12 months to end-March fell from 4.3p to 3p.The total dividend is 1.6p (1.4p), courtesy of a 1.1p final.

National Express buys East Midlands Airport for £27m

By Carl Mortished

■ National Express hopes to attract more passengers to East Midlands International Airport, encouraging airlines to deliver customers using the company's coaches

NATIONAL Express, the privatised coach business, is buying East Midlands International Airport for £27 million and is raising £3.7 million in a placing of 1.8 million shares at 210p to help finance the deal.

EMIA is Britain's fourth largest regional airport and National hopes to increase the 1.3 million passenger throughput by channeling passengers to the airport through its airport coach services.

Adam Mills, deputy chief executive, said that EMIA had a similar customer base to National Express, as 70 per cent of the airport's passengers were on inclusive package tours. The coach company hopes to be able to attract business to the airport through package deals and incentives to airlines, delivering their customers to the airport using National Express coaches. Mr Mills said: "We have already done a similar deal with Virgin at Gatwick."

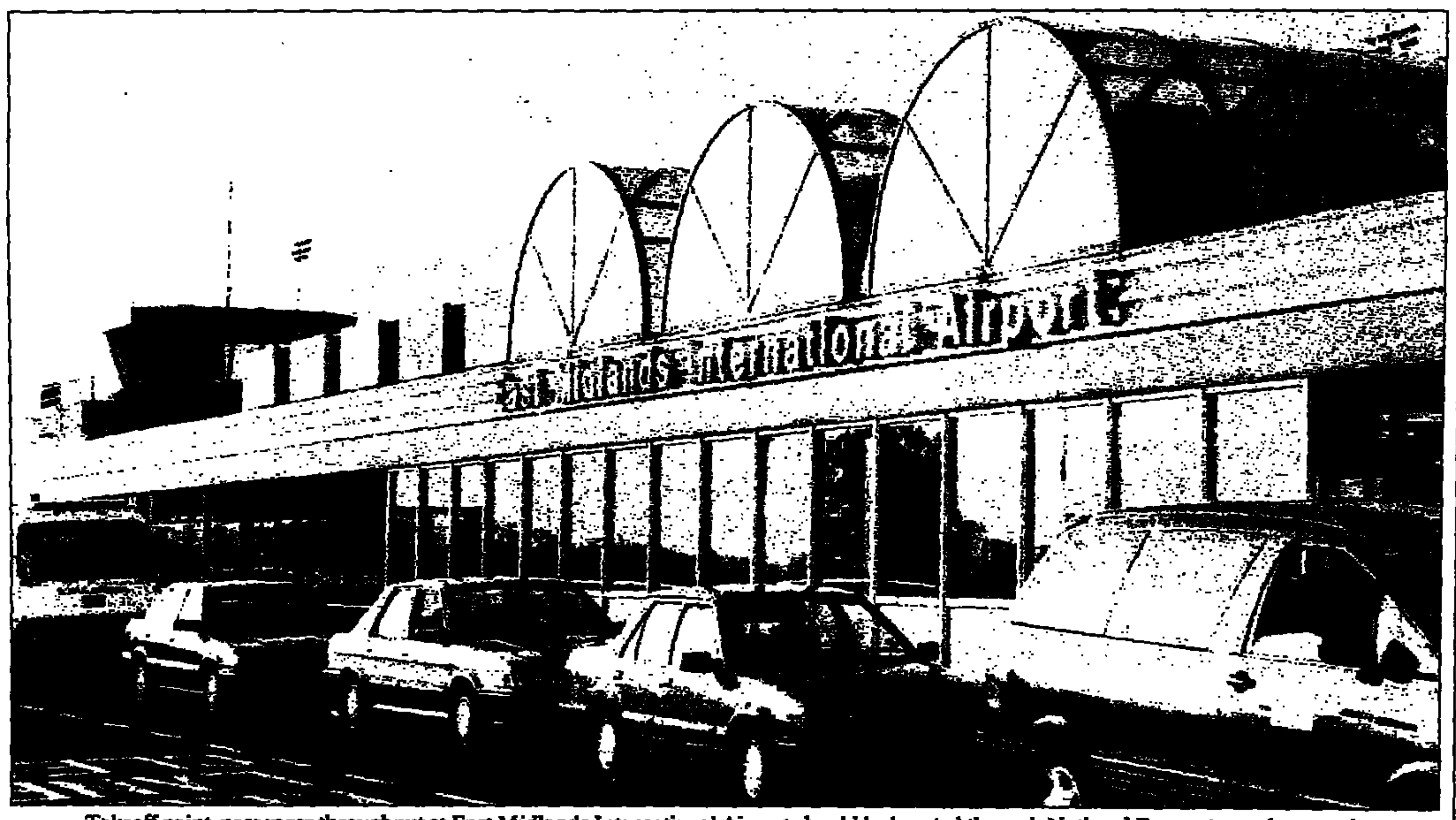
EMIA is achieving operating margins of 19 per cent from its current passenger throughput of 1.3 million, which generated cash flow of £5 million last year, sufficient to cover capital expenditure and financing costs. Profits increased from £2.5 million to £3.4 million in the year to March, on a 12 per cent rise in revenue to £17.7 million.

National must repay certain loans and debentures granted by the airport's local authority shareholders and will take on the remaining net debt of £2.8 million on completion, increasing National's gearing to 50 per cent. The bus company is buying EMIA at a significant discount to net assets, which were £37 million in March and Mr Mills estimates that the price represents a multiple of 11 times historic earnings. "We expect the acquisition to enhance earnings" he said.

Passenger traffic at the airport increased from 1.2 million to 1.3 million in the year to March 31 and it is forecasting 6 per cent traffic growth this year, ahead of BAA's forecast of 4 per cent for its airports. Unlike Heathrow and Gatwick, EMIA is not subject to price regulation on its airport charges, a constraint which has caused BAA to seek growth from retailing and rental income. At EMIA, airport charges accounted for 70 per cent of its 1992/3 turnover of £17.75 million, while commercial concessions contributed £4 million and rents £1.4 million.

Mr Mills says that competition from Birmingham International and Manchester keeps airport charges at competitive levels and he anticipates that retailing at the airport will increase.

In addition, freight traffic is expected to increase with the arrival of UPS, the parcel delivery service, in August which is transferring its UK hub from Stansted to EMIA. This will add to a significant freight activity, that already includes DHL and Hunting.



Takeoff point: passenger throughput at East Midlands International Airport should be boosted through National Express's coach network

WALL STREET

New York — Blue chips recouped some losses in early trading although the breadth remained negative. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.19 points to 3,540.59. Declining issues led advancing shares ten to eight.

□ **Tokyo** — Shares ended slightly firmer in quiet trading. The Nikkei average was up 42.91 points to 20,080.91.

□ **Hong Kong** — Share prices ended lower as overseas institutions, worried about China's economy and other Peking-related problems, reduced their Hong Kong holdings. The Hang Seng index fell 6.83 points to 6,839.98.

□ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index rose 31.33 points to 1,805.67.

□ **Sydney** — Shares soared to a new post-1987 crash high. The all-ordinaries index finished at 1,818.5, up 12.4 points. *(Reuter)*

	Jul 21 midday	Jul 20 close
AMP Inc	60	60
AMR Corp	64	63
Abbott Labs	26	25
Aetna Life	58	58
Ahmanson (HF)	19	20
Air Prod & Chem	41	42
Albertson's	50	51
Alcan Aluminm	19	18
Alco Standard	44	44
Allied Signal	69	69
Alum Co of Am	69	70
Amax	22	22
Amerada Hess	47	48
Amer Brands	34	33
Amer Cyanamid	54	54
Amer El Power	37	37
Amer Express	31	32
Amer Genl Corp	31	31
Amer Home Pr	63	64
Amer Intl	135	136
Amer Stores	43	43
Amer T & T	64	64
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American Airways steps up battle over Heathrow flights

From Philip Robinson in New York

AMERICAN Airlines escalated the transatlantic war with British Airways when it asked the American government to intervene in its attempt to get more landing slots at Heathrow. The carrier, America's largest, says it needs more slots to operate the Philadelphia to Heathrow service, which it was awarded last month. It claims to have been offered three days a week at times considered unacceptable. A spokesman for American Airlines said: "We need slots all week and at a times when people want to travel. Only then can we adequately compete with British Airways on that route. We have told our government that we should not stand for this: it is not fair and it is not what BA experiences when they want to serve the United States."

The Philadelphia to London route, is now dominated by British Airways which took over the service as part of investing almost $400 million for a 24.6 per cent stake in USAir.

USAir was then forced to divest itself of the route, failed to sell it, and the US transport department awarded the service to American Airlines which will compete head-on with BA. American Airlines says failure to get the right slots and times by August 1 will put back the start of the service from November 1 to the spring of next year.

Meanwhile, USAir's first half losses have narrowed from $869 million to $55 million on total revenue up 5 per cent to $3.53 billion. But it did not retract an earlier warning that USAir will end this year in the red.

In contrast, American Airlines returned to the black in the first half, with a $25 million profit against a $175 million loss on a 13 per cent climb in total revenues to $8.03 billion.

CityFlyer to operate in British Airways livery

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

ONE of Britain's newest and most succesful small independent airlines yesterday handed over its name, livery and marketing to British Airways.

CityFlyer Express, formed two years ago to specialise in commuter flights from Gatwick, will now be known as British Airways Express.

Under the deal, CityFlyer will pay British Airways an undisclosed sum for the use of its name and marketing expertise and integrate its services even more closely with BA operations out of Gatwick.

Brad Burgess, managing director, said: "British Airways doesn't own one share and we remain completely independent." The first aircraft carrying the new livery — an ATR42 — rolled out at Gatwick yesterday. From August 1 all CityFlyer services will have the same livery, uniforms and catering as British Airways.

CityFlyer, owned by the directors and City investors including 3i, made £150,000 profit It was first formed in 1984 after BCal was taken over by BA and became Connectair before being bought up by Air Europe. After Air Europe's collapse, it became Euroworld before changing its name to CityFlyer in July 1991 and operating seven routes from Gatwick not flown by BA.

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ECONOMIC VIEW

No benefits in a system that does not help people to work

Janet Bush says the public spending review is a golden opportunity to reform benefits structure and build bridges out of dependency

Uphill struggle: single mothers, vilified by some politicians, need the incentive and chance to work

Is it not mad, in a country that has at last recognised that skills are essential for the future of the economy, that the unemployed cannot get training until they have been idle for six months, unless they are disabled or come from an ethnic minority?

Is it not crazy, when most of the jobs created in the 1980s were part-time, that the benefit system effectively prevents many job seekers from taking such work without being worse off?

Is it not counter-productive that benefit officers have been told to push people on to invalidity benefit to bring down the claimant count, which passes for Britain's unemployment total, only to complain about it and start looking for ways to scrap it?

Is it not an opportunity missed if Treasury secretary Michael Portillo's review of public spending fails to look at how the tax and benefit system can help get more people back to work?

As the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) pointed out, the industrialised world faces an unemployment rate of 8.75 per cent next year, equalling the previous postwar high, and the considerable risk that the current cycle will lead to another ratcheting up of structural unemployment.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said in Munich this week that growth is not enough to cure unemployment, and he is right. He urged another radical wave of supply side reforms in European labour markets where unemployment is forecast by the OECD to reach 12 per cent in 1994. How about starting at home and using Mr Portillo's review as an opportunity to examine ways in which Britain can provide easier paths out of the benefit system and back to work — practical solutions that really would help the government's finances in the long run.

The prospects are inauspicious. If ministers simply persuade themselves that all single mothers get pregnant to claw in more benefit or that the growing number of people on invalidity are probably hypochondriacs or lazy or both, the point and the opportunity will have been missed.

Take single mothers. As Dr Eithne McLoughlin, lecturer in social policy at Queen's University of Belfast, points out, extensive studies have shown that the greater the job opportunities for women, the fewer children they have and later. Provide genuine, part-time work opportunities and proper child care and many women would gladly not depend on the state. The same goes for those on invalidity who would be capable, say, of part-time or low-paid voluntary work but are being penalised by losing their benefit.

The point is that it is often difficult to make the transition from benefit to self-sufficiency and the current system, in many ways, makes it worse.

The government has, in an extremely limited sense, recognised it must try to build bridges out of dependency. It has twice reduced the number of hours family members can work part-time and still get family credit. It also launched a pilot scheme in which the government pays an employer a proportion of the salary of any long-term unemployed person taken on (the marginal employment subsidy).

The principle recognised, the execution is poor. Take family credit. First, it does not apply to single, unemployed couples without children or any owner occupiers. Second, those who are eligible for family credit and take a part-time job immediately give up all benefits and may have to wait five weeks to receive family credit instead. Dr McLoughlin notes: "If you are a real family with real children and a real need to put food on the table, five weeks is a big issue." Only 50 per cent of those eligible have ever applied.

The success of the marginal employment subsidy depends crucially on the behaviour of employers. According to Paul Gregg, of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research, there has been no monitoring of the scheme to find out whether employers have taken on subsidised workers but simply substituted existing employees (sacked them).

There are much larger debates, too. Should social security systems be funded at all by payroll taxes, such as National Insurance contributions? The OECD plainly rejected this in an era of mass unemployment where everything should be done to cut the costs for companies of taking on extra workers.

Would a minimum wage — a key objective of the Social Chapter debated in Parliament today — not make it more worthwhile to leave the benefit system? Employers could be compensated for the cost of employing extra people, say through lower National Insurance contributions, from the money saved on benefits.

Richard Brown, director of policy at the British Chambers of Commerce, believes that harmonisation between income tax and National Insurance is badly needed to prevent employees suddenly running up against huge marginal tax rates at different levels. "The way the system works at the moment discourages people to do overtime, do better, work harder — actually work, full stop," he said. On training, he suggests that employers' National Insurance could be based on the qualifications of their workers rather than their earnings, with discounts increasing the better trained employees are.

While growth is the prerequisite for creating jobs, there are many micro-measures government could practically take — when it has finished arguing over Maastricht and the Social Chapter.

A greater vision is needed which, as the Commission on Social Justice pointed out this week, recognises that social and economic policy are inseparable. Full employment is restored as an aim of public policy and the tax and benefit system advocated as a tool to provide incentives for people to work.

But the commission also recognises that the world has changed, that full employment no longer automatically means full-time work for men. It urges a proper family policy, accepting rather than vilifying single mothers. Dr McLoughlin, who will serve on the commission's panel on work and wages, says the obvious but unquantifiable costs of social disarray must be factored in. Yes, women with poor futures tend to have children instead and that swells the social security bill. But what about the other costs? One third of unemployed working class mothers with children under five are clinically depressed. Dr McLoughlin asks: "Can you imagine what that does to the drugs budget?"

You can bet that none of this will figure in the fight taking place in the House of Commons today. But, sooner or later, all those high unemployment, high deficit European countries who ratify Maastricht will have to address such issues.

TEMPUS

Options for change

THE financial world has been understandably nervous about derivatives in recent years. There have been too many incidents where banks and companies have discovered an unpleasant hole in their balance sheet caused by a handful of over-eager futures and options traders.

The derivatives markets have grown too quickly for working practices and the regulatory framework to keep pace and the result has occasionally been disastrous. Many of the the recommendations in yesterday's report from the Group of Thirty sound like obvious good sense. It did not need someone of the calibre of Dennis Weatherstone, chairman of JP Morgan, to tell firms they should employ trained staff and assess the credit and market risks of their activities. But judging by the number of expensive accidents that have occurred, only a handful of the largest derivatives users have adopted such practices.

The G30's recommendations also reveal how much the regulatory and legal framework needs updating to incorporate derivatives. The enforceability of derivative contracts is still unclear in many jurisdictions, while regulators tie themselves in knots wondering about the effects of derivatives on bank balance sheets.

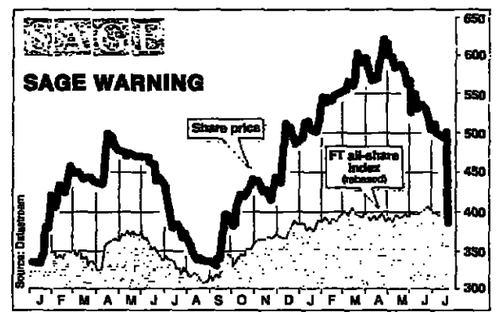
The G30 has wisely decided that existing regulators should tackle this new field rather than advocating a further layer of market watchers. After all, derivatives are only spin-offs of existing financial products. With a touch of common sense from the G30 and some sophisticated gadgetry, regulators should be able to slot even the most arcane financial products into their known universe.

Sage Group

WHEN the awful majesty of a full Stock Exchange announcement has to be invoked for a minor profits blip like that announced by Sage Group yesterday, then the continuing debate on guidance for analysts has run out of control. Trading statements can, as with Spring Ram, stand as the first intimations of a fully fledged corporate disaster. But they can just as well, in the case of smaller companies, lead to defensive and ill-informed share price markdowns that come close to constituting a disorderly market.

News that profits before tax this year from Sage would be about £1.5 million below the £10.8 million the market had been expecting would previously have been communicated by quiet word of mouth to those few analysts who follow the stock, and no one involved would have felt disadvantaged. Sage admits quite rightly that, following the furore over LIG's briefing to selected analysts that went sour earlier this summer, the company did not feel comfortable with such an approach.

Brokers, understandably rattled, were therefore left to mark the shares a quarter lower even before they had a chance to check the facts with the company, accepting the while that such a fall was clearly overdone. Sage says, and it is generally accepted, that the extra costs this year are a one-off item that will not affect next year's figures. But the market will take a while to recover its nerve.



Renishaw

THE heightened awareness of the legal and regulatory minefield that surrounds trading information is not the only reason that profit warnings threaten to become fashionable this summer. Renishaw, the precision instrument and scanner manufacturer, yesterday became the third company this week to reveal that its trading was not all the City hoped.

The company put out an effective profit forecast of between £6.75 million and £7.2 million for the year just ended, up to a quarter lower than City analysts' forecasts. The shares slid 14 per cent.

The surprising feature of the affair was not the warning, but that the analysts forecasts had been so enthusiastic after Renishaw announced poor interim figures in March. The City had overestimated the benefits the group would gain from the fall in sterling and did not appreciate the damage done to sales by the recessions in Europe and Japan.

With more than 90 per cent of its products sold to overseas markets, Renishaw is particularly vulnerable to economic conditions abroad. But most large quoted companies are exposed to continental Europe, and trading conditions there are worsening by the month. The City does not seem to have fully taken this into account, and brokers' forecasts currently predict a healthy rise in earnings across the board. The gap between hope and reality will become clearly as the summer progresses and will be accompanied by more corporate warnings.

Lonrho

LONRHO is disposing of non-performing assets quicker than coconuts fall at the funfair as the Dieter Bock clearout goes on. The sale of the 50 per cent stake in Krupp Lonrho, the German trading group, reaps DM282.5 million cash, an exit p/e ratio of 40 and DM82.5 million more than Lonrho paid five years ago. It will clip Lonrho borrowings to £477 million and lower gearing to 27 per cent.

Surrendering a £4 million profit contribution for an £8 million interest saving makes fine sense. If Lonrho's profit recovery continues to quicken, hopes will grow for an early restoration in the dividend. Lonrho's disposal programme has nearly convinced the City that the bad old days of high borrowings are over. Mr Bock appears to be corporately in love with Africa, where the Western Platinum mine in South Africa and the Ashanti gold mine in Ghana serve Lonrho well, and this may well be his area of interest when his hand is finally free to turn buyer.

Retail sales

THE sharp 1.3 per cent rise in retail sales last month is further evidence that the British consumer is prepared to spend, but only when the price is right. There is no coincidence that the increase in clothing and footwear sales coincided with the start of the summer sales. Retailers' efforts to tempt shoppers to pay full ticket prices are failing. While it lasts, this frugality will help to restrain inflation and give the manufacturing sector a rare and welcome opportunity to address the trade deficit.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Astaire's new lease of life

EDGAR Astaire, the elegant City gent who sold his eponymous broking business to Crédit Lyonnais just before Big Bang, has found a new lease of life. Astaire, 63, who in May launched an international money management firm with the financial backing of George Soros, says he now feels ten years younger. "I'm a born-again broker," says Astaire, who has just recruited fellow sixty-something Hugo Robson to Edgar Astaire & Co. Robson, who just retired from Kleinwort Benson Securities as head of institutional sales, joins as a director. Between them they have notched up 80 years in the City, an achievement they believe demonstrates to all that experience never loses its worth. The new venture, 40 per cent owned by Soros, now makes markets in a number of well-established funds, including all of Soros' Quantum Funds. "He [Robson] is just so well-connected. And joining us is so convenient for him, as our St James' offices, quite rarified for a broking firm, are quite close to his club Boodles," jokes Astaire.

FRANCE's Attali brothers, ousted EBRD president Jacques, and Bernard, president of Air France, which lost Fr3.27 billion last year, have been awarded the 1993 "Iznogoud" prize for "spectacular failures in large-scale enterprises". Iznogoud, a French variation of the English "is no good", is an irascible, Sultan-like character in a French "Arabian Nights" comic strip who invariably fails in his multiple and complicated endeavours.

In vogue

THE Duke and Duchess of St Albans, and Merrill Lynch private banking supremo Makkram Zaccour, are but three of the notables to grace the Belgravia party tonight of estate agent Vogue Residential, well-known to City chairmen as the company which ferries high-powered US and Japanese renters and buyers around town in a chauffeur-driven red Rolls-Royce. Brainchild of former Lazards banker, Helene Silivestros, the agency said demand for good houses has never been higher: "The owner of Benetton was paying £5,000 per week for a Belgravia house," she said, "and some corporate clients have paid three years in advance for a special home they particularly want."

Sherry à deux

BRIAN Calder, the convivial managing director of Gonzalez Byass UK, has just despatched a couple of bottles of Tio Pepe to novelist Jilly Cooper. Having read her latest offering, *The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous*, he was delighted to see his brand mentioned in the racy text — although somewhat concerned that the author had obviously not experienced the world's best-selling fino. For Cooper describes one character in her book thus: "Her huge eyes, the clear brown of Tio Pepe held to the light, were swimming with tears." The pale straw colour familiar to Tio Pepe sherry drinkers might not have had quite the same impact. Calder, deciding to put Cooper straight, has meanwhile invited her to join him in a chilled *copieta* at his Mayfair office.

Slow on the draw

ANALYSTS were somewhat puzzled by the recent meeting on the results of Tomkins, Greg Hutchings' Smith & Wesson revolvers-to-cakes group. They were told customary balance sheet and cash flow data was unavailable due to management time used assimilating RHM. An analyst present said: "The management implied they wanted to be more sure to get the figures 100 per cent right for the annual accounts, and work out the fair value on the deal. But the acquisition was finalised last December. Seven months seems a little bit long."

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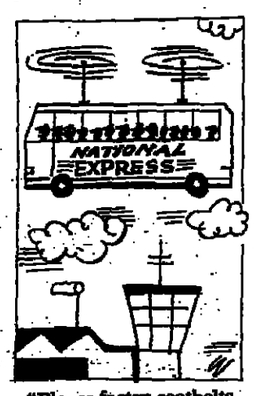

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Boards should issue profit forecasts

From Mr R. C. Sneddon

Sir, Professor Alec Reed's article ("Sharing performance pointers", July 15) offers novel suggestions for improving the content of company reports but stops short at the innovation which would be of the greatest use to shareholders: a profit forecast by the board for the next three or even six months.

By giving this price-sensitive information to the world at large, to make of it what it will, would cut out any opportunity for insider dealing. This procedure is widely followed by American companies and if the board gets its profits forecast wrong, it has been known for American shareholders to sue the board if they have suffered loss thereby.

Wouldn't such an innovation as this really be the shareholder "perk" worth having!

Yours faithfully,
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Flood of sales casts doubt on retail upturn

From Mr Michael Partridge

Sir, While the increase in sales shown in the current CBI monthly distributive trades survey (*The Times*, July 20) is a hopeful sign, the forest of sales notices that I have seen dominating many shop windows for several weeks must give rise to concern about the fundamental strength of the upturn.

When added to the financing incentives available, I suspect that the true picture of current retailing will not be seen until profit or loss figures are published later.

If these are as depressed as I fear, it may well be seen that it was a good time to buy which was missed by many through a lack of confidence about their future prospects.

Yours faithfully,
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The Capital Exchange fills an equity gap

From Mr David H. O'Brien

Sir, Martin Waller points to the equity gap for smaller firms (*The Times*, July 16) which has not been filled by the traditional capital supply industry.

He reports that the Stock Exchange is looking for a half-way house to full listing and the Institute of Directors is conducting a study on funding smaller firms. They need look no further.

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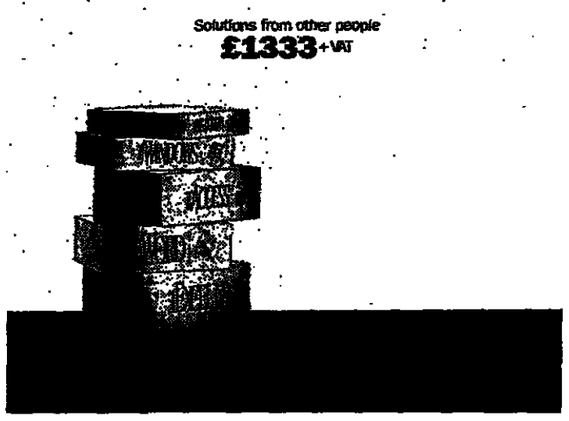

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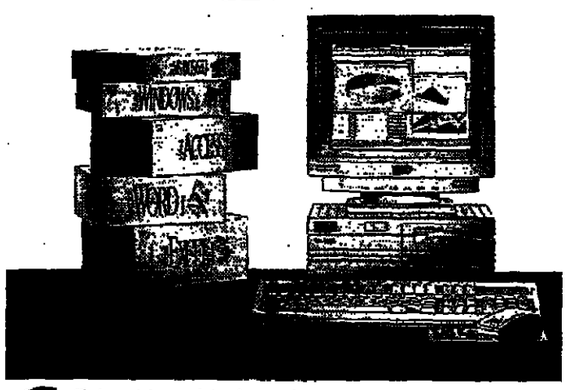

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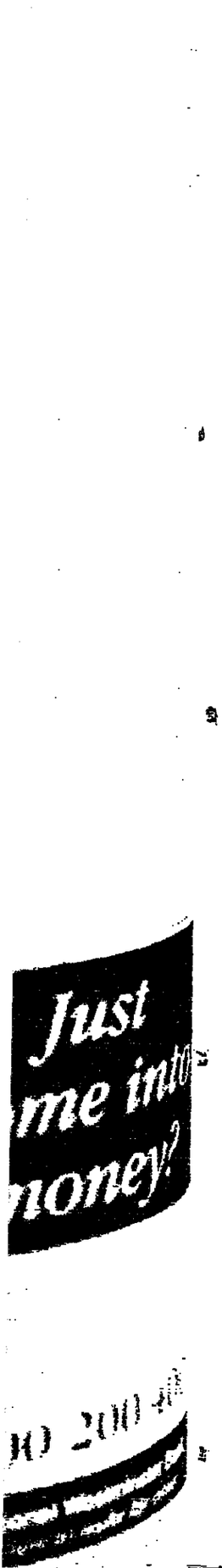

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Stl Gilt Fxd Int	67.02	67.93	...	5.72

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	133.50	142.10	-0.70	1.87
UK Growth	145.40	154.70	-1.20	2.23
UK Income	124.20	132.30	-0.60	4.25

CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	85.79	91.75	-0.41	0.99
Growth	43.13	46.13	-0.22	2.90
Income	53.46	57.18	-0.20	4.20
Far East	48.15	51.50	-0.40	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
North American	85.83	92.29	+0.17	...
Global	85.00	90.91	-0.37	0.87
European	71.08	76.00	-0.81	1.01
Japan	113.10	121.00	-1.50	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.02	62.54	-0.58	5.13
UK Cap Gwth	78.80	84.28	-0.59	1.98

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	128.80	136.70	-1.30	0.30
-do- Acc	136.60	145.40	-1.30	0.30
European	66.22	70.23	-1.18	0.84
-do- Acc	68.63	72.79	-1.23	0.84
Far East Gen	66.09	70.28	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	66.10	70.28	-0.70	...
Glenfriars	256.20	272.60	+0.70	0.70
-do- Acc	288.40	306.90	-0.90	0.70
Growth	383.40	410.10	-1.20	2.24
-do- Acc	656.20	701.90	-2.00	2.24
Income Growth	369.90	395.60	-0.40	3.83
-do- Acc	502.90	535.10	-0.60	3.83
Master Portfolio	9600.0	9963.0	-32.00	2.19
-do- Acc	11183.0	11606.0	-37.00	2.19
Special Sits	86.82	92.37	-1.21	2.18
-do- Acc	102.63	109.19	-1.43	2.18
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1202.0	1240.0	-6.00	4.34
-do- Acc	1419.0	1463.0	-7.00	4.34

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 953 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	190.20	202.70	-1.00	1.63
Capital	526.60	562.00	-4.30	2.42
Eurotrack 100	129.70	138.10	-2.70	1.50
Euro Gth	81.67	87.08	-1.45	1.29
Far East Growth	92.79	99.03	-0.67	0.07
Global Bond	23.44	24.71	-0.17	6.67
Hong Kong	78.79	84.09	-0.99	0.82
Income	502.30	536.10	-3.70	3.98
Intl Growth	73.25	78.18	-0.69	1.00
Japan Growth	275.60	294.10	-3.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.06	37.42	-0.46	...
Japan Index	81.06	86.51	-0.70	0.22
Nth American	428.20	457.00	-4.60	0.48
S pore Mly Gth	54.95	58.64	-1.08	...
The Footsie Fd	104.20	110.00	-0.90	2.79
Tiger Index	142.30	151.90	-0.10	0.61
Trible Index	105.90	113.00	-0.10	2.34
UK Index	120.20	128.30	-1.00	3.12

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	84.16	89.94	-0.71	1.00
European P folio	71.93	76.77	-0.65	1.38
Japanese P folio	66.07	70.21	-0.17	...
Pacific P folio	103.48	111.27	-0.93	1.15
Cazenove P folio	71.00	75.94	-0.23	3.00
UK Income Gth	64.07	68.73	-0.13	5.00
Utility & Bond	51.09	51.77	-0.05	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	610.20	615.15	..	4.84
Fixed Int	156.95	157.70	..	9.19
Deposit	5.70	5.82	..	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	601.99	607.12	..	4.92
-do- Acc	2368.9	2376.6	..	...
Deposit	5.70	5.82	..	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.44	127.45	..	9.10
-do- Acc	172.60	172.95	..	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.79	66.10	...	2.28
Beckman Intl	84.05	88.70	+0.02	2.99
Friars Hse Inc	176.64	189.94	...	6.14
Friars Hse Cap	246.56	265.12	...	2.75

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos	36.68	39.02	-0.04	1.62
-do- Acc	41.33	43.97	-0.03	1.62
Quilter	120.60	128.30	-0.78	2.67
-do- Acc	133.94	142.49	-0.84	2.67
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.66	92.66	+0.01	5.15
-do- Acc	92.66	92.66	+0.01	5.15
Fixed Conv	41.54	44.19	...	6.34
-do- Acc	109.72	116.72	-0.01	6.34
Equity Income	143.98	153.17	-0.70	3.66
-do- Acc	462.16	491.66	-2.25	3.66
PPT Europe	152.38	162.11	-2.39	0.92
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	48.14	51.21	-0.07	7.48
PPT Global Bond	85.25	90.64	-0.67	5.56
PPT Gold Com	61.14	65.04	-0.84	...
PPT Oriental Gth	55.39	58.93	-0.04	0.40
PPT Far East Gth	106.29	113.07	-0.57	0.09
PPT High Yield	116.59	124.03	-0.57	4.42
-do- Acc	448.26	476.87	-2.18	4.42
PPT Managed	61.39	65.31	-0.38	3.43
-do- Acc	74.98	79.77	-0.46	3.43
PPT UK General	67.02	71.30	-0.43	2.60
-do- Acc	81.34	86.53	-0.53	2.60
PPT Japan	120.67	128.37	-1.36	...
PPT N Amer	147.05	156.44	-0.82	0.09
PPT UK Gth	114.79	122.12	-0.64	2.05
PPT W'wide Gwth	57.44	61.43	-0.63	0.20
-do- Acc	59.84	64.00	-0.66	0.20
PPT Preference	48.34	51.43	-0.06	6.69
-do- Acc	252.44	268.55	-0.28	6.69

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	81.23	86.41	...	0.92
Japanese Acc	64.32	68.43	...	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.00	133.00	...	3.52
-do- Acc	147.50	156.90	...	2.52
UK Growth Acc	203.30	216.30	...	2.23
UK High Inc	133.10	141.60	...	6.45
-do- Acc	161.10	171.40	...	6.45
N America Acc	112.50	119.70	...	0.32
European Acc	159.00	169.20	...	0.61
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.60	64.29	...	8.79
-do- Acc	99.74	105.80	...	8.79
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.82	51.94	...	0.22
Environmntl Opp	70.78	75.30	...	1.74

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	110.50	117.40	-1.00	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	201.00	213.60	-0.90	1.17
Eurofund	37.19	39.39	-0.47	1.02
Mngd Exempt	165.63	172.80	-0.20	3.04
Growth Inc	212.80	227.80	-1.70	3.32
High Dist	142.20	151.10	-0.60	4.96
International	317.80	337.70	-2.00	0.96
Intl Income	79.80	85.19	-0.57	3.05
Pacific	57.90	61.52	-0.02	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	73.06	77.63	-1.48	...
Tokyo	206.60	219.50	-2.10	...
Japan Exempt	119.30	122.90	-0.20	0.41

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sm Jap Exempt	603.10	619.60	-18.70	0.08
Equity Income	121.30	128.70	-0.60	3.89
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	139.40	147.30	-1.70	0.85
Financial	42.17	44.81	-0.41	2.69
Global Opps Inc	88.12	93.63	-0.69	2.15
-do- Acc	91.34	97.05	-0.71	2.15
Gold Gen Inc	51.29	54.50	-0.44	0.79
-do- Acc	98.44	104.60	-0.90	0.79
Japan General	159.70	169.70	-1.80	...
Preference	22.14	23.52	-0.04	7.71
Worldwide Cap	196.10	208.40	-1.40	3.07
World Income	84.07	89.29	-0.51	3.32

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	176.80	188.10	...	0.90

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	103.40	108.84	-0.43	3.28
High Income	120.44	126.78	-0.51	4.76
Tst of Inv Tsts	150.32	158.23	-0.35	2.18
Special Sits	83.68	88.06	-0.68	2.33
North American	101.42	106.76	-0.82	0.90
Far Eastern	244.33	257.19	-1.18	1.80
Intl Growth	96.82	101.98	-0.59	1.28
European	63.26	66.59	-0.79	2.13
Smaller Cos	68.21	71.80	-0.18	2.08

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 228 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	224.90	239.20	...	3.74

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	125.00	133.00	-1.10	...
High Income	26.07	27.43	-0.05	5.82

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	92.60	97.98	-1.78	0.83
Far Eastern	136.90	146.50	-1.50	...
Oseas Income	88.03	94.28	-0.71	3.11
UK Growth	92.86	99.32	-0.33	0.78
UK Income	100.00	107.00	-0.50	3.20
US Smaller Cos	253.80	271.40	-4.10	0.08

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	47.34	50.35	-0.58	...
-do- Acc	47.34	50.35	-0.58	...
Am Smllr Co	426.40	455.90	-5.80	...
-do- Acc	435.60	465.80	-5.90	...
Capital	287.30	305.40	-0.60	1.79
-do- Acc	399.90	425.30	-0.80	1.79
Contl Smllr Cos	46.77	50.30	-0.26	0.22
-do- Acc	48.89	52.58	-0.28	0.22
Convertible	114.90	122.20	...	5.82
-do- Acc	218.10	231.90	-0.20	5.82
Emg Mark	53.11	56.74	-0.16	...
-do- Acc	53.11	56.74	-0.16	...
European	94.61	101.00	-0.90	0.91
-do- Acc	98.63	105.30	-0.90	0.91
Extra Income	290.30	308.70	-1.00	4.06
-do- Acc	415.60	442.00	-1.40	4.06
Financial	106.60	114.30	-2.00	0.24
-do- Acc	111.60	119.60	-2.10	0.24
Gilt Gth Tst	64.14	66.14	+0.12	6.33
-do- Acc	82.87	85.46	+0.15	6.33
Health Fund Inc	117.50	125.50	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	117.50	125.50	-1.60	...
Income Tst	179.20	190.60	-0.60	3.76
-do- Acc	254.00	270.10	-0.90	3.76
Intl Growth	316.00	338.10	-2.60	...
-do- Acc	350.90	375.40	-3.00	...
Japan Gen	182.20	194.90	-2.80	...
-do- Acc	184.10	196.80	-2.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.08	95.45	-0.50	0.87
-do- Acc	95.29	100.30	-0.60	0.87
Monthly Income	153.90	163.70	-0.30	3.93
Qrdy Inc	50.11	53.30	-0.03	5.74
-do- Acc	50.23	53.43	-0.03	5.74
Recovery	298.20	318.80	-1.90	0.30
-do- Acc	350.20	374.50	-2.30	0.30
UK Growth	46.02	49.21	-0.30	2.70
-do- Acc	46.02	49.21	-0.30	2.70

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	343.73	365.67	-3.16	2.74
-do- Acc	701.89	746.69	-6.46	2.74
Euro Gth Dist	107.91	114.82	-1.06	0.81
-do- Acc	111.15	118.25	-1.10	0.81
Fixed Int Dist	135.87	141.60	-0.61	6.24
-do- Acc	236.39	239.46	+0.02	6.24
Intl Gth Dist	77.40	82.34	-0.49	0.71
-do- Acc	80.34	85.47	-0.51	0.71
Nth Amer Dist	167.48	177.41	-0.79	0.90
-do- Acc	182.36	193.18	-0.86	0.90
Pac Basin Dist	247.39	263.18	-0.75	0.10
-do- Acc	251.94	268.02	-0.75	0.10
Stewardship Dist	298.71	317.78	-1.08	1.82
-do- Acc	356.18	378.91	-1.23	1.82
Stwd Inc Dist	64.11	68.20	-0.13	3.22
-do- Acc	79.31	84.37	-0.16	3.22
N Am Stwd Dist	96.89	103.07	-0.37	...
-do- Acc	102.50	109.04	-0.39	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	138.00	147.60	-1.40	...
European	411.90	437.60	-5.93	0.97
Far East General	225.90	241.30	-1.80	0.30
Germany	100.70	106.70	-1.07	0.43
Global Assets In	69.02	73.72	-0.73	2.19
Global Assets Ac	72.98	77.96	-0.76	2.14
Income Inc	125.00	133.70	-0.80	6.58
International	279.60	299.10	-2.90	0.93
Intl Income	76.82	81.73	-0.64	4.88
Japan General	375.50	399.50	-4.10	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.60	48.77	-0.12	6.07
UK Capital Inc	166.50	178.10	-1.40	4.04
-do- Acc	284.80	304.60	-2.40	3.68
Uk Spec Sits	77.77	83.18	-0.32	1.52
US General	119.00	126.60	-0.90	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	117.60	125.70	-1.40	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.66	47.76	-0.16	1.53
Cash Trust	129.50	129.50	+0.02	5.20
Pract Inv Inc	104.59	112.16	-0.18	4.09
-do- Acc	224.54	240.79	-0.39	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	104.83	112.42	+1.11	0.82
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.21	26.96	+0.03	8.61
High Inc	32.14	34.37	-0.06	4.77
UK Equity Inc	128.76	137.71	-0.47	3.94
Global Bond	29.77	30.84	-0.22	5.80
International Funds				
Gold Intl	92.23	98.91	-1.47	0.39
Frontier Markets	43.47	46.62	-0.11	0.45
Global Inc Gth	118.76	126.68	-0.90	1.94
UK Intl	116.42	124.51	-0.69	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	127.01	135.76	-0.49	0.46
European	81.32	86.23	-1.33	0.63
Euro Sel Opps	90.81	103.21	-1.72	0.71
American Emerg	81.36	88.11	+0.87	...
Hong Kong	109.39	117.31	-0.26	2.13
Japan	231.04	245.38	-3.60	...
Pacific Growth	158.84	167.12	-0.25	0.39

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	126.33	135.11	-1.38	0.37
American Gth	129.26	138.26	+0.20	...
European Gth	66.61	71.18	-0.55	0.43
Japan Gth	81.28	86.91	-0.27	...
Greater China	140.59	150.15	-0.41	2.86
Pacific Strategy	125.25	133.96	-0.43	0.25
UK Prog Inc	73.23	77.20	+0.49	4.80
British Growth	47.81	50.44	-0.14	3.04
UK Small Cos	43.85	46.90	-0.03	2.42

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 4668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	131.80	131.80	+0.10	5.51
Gilt Fixed	126.30	132.90	...	5.83
Growth Equity	286.20	305.70	-2.90	2.07
Guardhill	426.20	455.30	-4.00	2.16
Income Trust	109.90	117.40	-0.90	2.80
International	157.60	168.30	-0.70	0.17
Japan Trust	127.20	135.80	-0.40	...
Nth American	253.70	271.00	-1.30	0.41
Pacific	373.70	399.20	+2.40	...
European	344.00	367.50	-1.90	0.64

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838666

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	35.04	37.15	-0.20	1.63
-do- Acc	36.68	38.89	-0.20	1.63
Inc Adv Inc	29.39	31.36	-0.20	3.90
-do- Acc	30.83	32.69	-0.20	3.90

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	79.62	85.29	+0.12	1.32
Equity Income	111.50	118.60	-1.40	3.48
European	132.60	140.40	-1.70	1.27
Intl Situation	74.68	79.45	-0.48	...
Japanese	143.70	152.50	-0.30	...
North American	95.19	101.00	-0.20	0.05
Scandinavian	116.40	123.10	+0.50	...
Smaller Cos	30.00	31.91	-0.07	1.94

HENDERSON
PO Box 2257, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ZT
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234272

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	88.57	94.68	-0.84	...
Asian Enterprise	125.40	134.09	-0.64	0.76
Australian	142.67	151.99	-0.54	1.20
European	370.25	392.02	-4.86	1.30
European Inc	71.33	75.44	-1.08	2.71
Euro Smll Co	118.61	126.37	-0.72	0.61
Extra Income	261.67	278.56	-0.71	4.79
Family of Funds	70.97	75.74	-0.27	1.01
Global Bond	56.35	60.28	-0.14	7.78
Global Resour	...	...	...	...
High Inc	288.25	308.13	-0.58	4.33
Income Gth	235.43	250.73	-0.50	3.63
-do- Acc	608.99	648.57	-2.32	3.63
International	327.07	342.66	-2.19	0.89
Japan Spc Sit	242.90	258.01	-3.30	...
Japan	211.65	225.02	-2.77	...
N Amer	220.71	234.92	-1.98	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	193.26	205.59	+0.25	0.25
Pref Gilt	46.25	49.71	+0.04	8.50
Smaller Cos Div	171.09	182.98	+0.43	3.88
Special Sits	258.75	276.86	-1.70	1.75
-do- Acc	398.70	426.60	-2.64	1.75
Best of British	54.39	58.28	-0.27	2.62
Spirit of the East	...	...	...	...
Henderson TR				
Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	78.85	84.33	-0.88	...
Euro Spec Sits	46.12	49.08	-0.52	1.47
-do- Acc	48.83	51.96	-0.56	1.47
Far East Opps	31.74	33.96	+0.33	0.27
-do- Acc	32.68	34.96	+0.34	0.27
General Growth	95.95	102.76	-0.47	2.84
Global Tech	123.31	131.94	+0.50	...
Income Growth	100.16	107.11	-0.39	4.00
Income Monthly	56.87	60.82	-0.09	5.78
Japan Growth	83.28	88.56	-1.12	...
Overseas Gth	76.27	81.39	-0.84	1.21
Smaller Cos	74.06	79.24	-0.18	1.73
Special Opps	106.04	114.02	-0.58	1.35
Wld Spec Sits	49.50	53.21	-0.26	0.50
-do- Acc	49.62	53.33	-0.26	0.50

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	85.24	91.16	-0.50	2.01
Capital	153.20	163.80	-0.10	1.85
Dollar	303.90	325.00	-2.80	0.01
European	193.40	206.80	-4.00	0.65
Far East	238.20	254.70	+0.60	0.31
Financial	716.60	766.40	-7.90	1.78
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.07	27.08	-0.01	7.78
High Yield	100.80	107.80	-0.30	4.49
Income	133.30	142.50	-0.60	3.39
Intl	212.10	226.80	-2.30	0.20
Japan Tech	73.47	78.57	-1.30	...
Nat Resources	62.24	66.56	-0.46	0.48
Security	290.40	310.50	-1.30	1.86
Smaller Cos	111.20	118.90	-0.80	1.18
Special Sits	136.90	145.30	-0.60	1.39
US Smaller Cos	68.78	73.56	+0.42	...

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.27	27.01	-0.10	1.53
Special Features	27.17	28.86	-0.14	1.62
-do- Acc	32.08	34.08	-0.16	1.62
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.03	55.70	-0.19	1.62
Assets Earnings	68.95	73.29	-0.19	1.04
do Acc	82.07	87.19	-0.22	1.04
Managed Invest	87.35	93.31	-0.62	1.16
Rupert Children	73.82	78.72	-0.39	1.04
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.85	50.85	...	4.40
Extra Inc	79.25	84.78	-0.14	4.79
Gilt	28.04	29.51	...	6.60
Income Gth	38.71	41.36	-0.12	3.41
MIMstar	77.91	79.62	-0.01	7.21
Preference	17.76	18.86	-0.03	6.35
UK Income	308.20	329.40	-1.20	2.91
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	58.47	62.12	-0.55	1.22
Property Shares	64.39	69.52	+0.05	1.70
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	145.90	153.10	-0.80	3.65
European Acc	113.10	119.80	-2.20	1.75
European Dist	107.70	114.00	-2.10	1.75
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.09	51.16	-0.31	0.91
European Perf	115.20	122.20	-1.90	0.99
-do- Acc	117.40	124.50	-1.90	0.99
Euro Small Cos	21.26	22.61	-0.22	0.74
French Growth	65.39	69.58	-0.93	0.53
-do- Acc	69.86	74.33	-1.00	0.53
Hong K/China	67.68	71.93	-0.90	1.73
Intl Growth	51.78	55.01	-0.50	0.64
-do- Acc	51.78	55.01	-0.50	0.63
Japan Perf	34.59	36.74	-0.41	...
Accum Units	34.59	36.74	-0.41	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.62	41.07	-0.52	...
Singapore Asean	81.48	86.57	+0.89	0.28
-do- Acc	81.98	87.10	+0.89	0.28
South East Asia	230.60	245.00	+0.20	0.97
US Smllr Cos	102.90	109.30	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	104.00	110.50	-1.00	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	84.18	89.73	-0.44	2.17
Intl Bond	58.73	59.50	-0.41	6.11

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 954 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.82	70.16	...	5.14
Extra Income	52.34	55.68	-0.38	6.94
Gilt Yield	120.00	126.70	-0.30	7.13
Global Income	198.60	211.30	-1.10	4.15
High Yield	133.60	142.10	-0.90	3.87
Smllr Cos Div	48.92	52.10	-0.10	4.03
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.44	94.09	-1.03	...
North American	75.31	80.12	-0.57	0.42
European	127.40	135.50	-1.60	1.65
Euro Special	74.03	78.76	-0.63	1.81
General	256.60	273.00	-1.82	2.27
Japan	433.70	461.00	-5.60	...
Japanese Special	263.20	280.70	-4.89	...
Master Acc	215.20	228.90	-1.30	1.38
Pacific	268.60	285.70	-1.40	0.56
Smaller Cos	101.20	107.70	-0.50	1.56
UK Equity Gth	36.29	38.61	-0.11	1.68

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	73.77	78.48	-0.81	1.01
Extra Income	23.29	24.78	-0.45	3.61
Far East	27.63	29.39	-0.05	0.83
Income Gwth	70.94	75.47	-0.69	2.85
Intl Growth	51.67	54.99	-0.09	0.67
Japan	66.99	71.27	-0.10	...
Maximum Dist*	99.22	101.20	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.05	40.48	-0.12	0.27
UK Equity	84.49	89.88	-0.82	3.06

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	50.85	54.10	-0.70	4.62

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	416.70	443.30	-2.40	2.79
Equity Acc	701.10	841.60	-4.40	2.79
Equity Income	91.06	96.87	-0.26	4.90
European	94.70	100.70	-1.70	1.29
Far Eastern	183.40	195.10	-1.00	...
Fixed Interest	53.00	56.38	+0.06	6.19
Gilt	92.70	98.30	+0.02	6.26
Global Growth	66.65	70.90	-0.62	0.45
Intl Bond	56.55	60.16	-0.49	4.72
Japanese	72.52	77.15	-0.72	...
Overseas Equity	96.35	102.50	-0.60	0.05
Pacific Gth	85.31	90.76	-0.10	0.46

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834333

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	301.90	321.20	-3.60	3.00
-do- Acc	663.00	705.40	-7.80	3.00
Contl Euro Gth	50.30	52.95	-0.63	1.35
-do- Acc	53.19	55.99	-0.68	1.35
Extra Inc	234.40	249.40	-1.70	3.92
-do- Acc	579.40	616.50	-4.30	3.92
German Gth	104.20	109.70	-0.80	0.08
-do- Acc	109.30	115.10	-0.70	0.08
Growth Port	481.80	512.60	-3.20	0.51
-do- Acc	481.80	512.60	-3.20	0.51
Income	446.50	475.10	-3.50	3.68
-do- Acc	1145.0	1219.0	-9.00	3.68
Income Port	486.90	518.00	-4.80	4.33
-do- Acc	494.10	525.70	-2.10	4.33
Japan Growth	100.10	106.50	-0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	100.50	107.00	-0.20	0.01
Master Trust	51.02	54.28	-0.30	1.37
-do- Acc	56.17	59.67	-0.33	1.37
N American Gen	183.20	194.90	+1.70	0.01
-do- Acc	211.60	225.20	+2.10	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	138.70	147.60	+3.40	0.01
-do- Acc	141.50	150.60	+3.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	198.50	211.20	-3.30	0.64
-do- Acc	209.80	223.20	-3.50	0.64
Small Cos Rec	312.30	328.80	+9.60	2.34
-do- Acc	406.70	428.20	+12.50	2.34
UK Growth	76.42	81.30	-0.94	2.58
-do- Acc	90.03	95.78	-1.12	2.58
Worldwide Gth	275.10	291.60	-1.30	0.27
-do- Acc	404.30	430.20	-1.70	0.27

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	75.79	81.32	-0.88	2.90
Income	61.28	65.75	-0.38	5.20
International	56.45	60.57	-0.33	0.70
American	58.18	62.43	-0.21	0.30
Japan	55.41	59.45	-0.18	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	57.41	61.60	-0.26	1.80

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	378.60	400.40	-1.90	0.92
-do- Acc	467.20	494.10	-2.30	0.92
American Rec	418.00	442.00	+0.10	0.20
-do- Acc	478.90	506.40	+0.10	0.20
Am Sml Co Acc	123.10	130.10	-0.70	...
Australia Acc	165.30	175.00	+0.50	1.01
Capital	669.70	708.20	-4.60	2.48
-do- Acc	739.00	781.40	-5.10	2.48
Commodity Acc	442.70	468.20	-4.30	0.77
Compnd Gth	819.10	866.10	-9.70	2.89
Dividend	35.30	37.30	-0.20	4.22
-do- Acc	139.80	147.80	-0.80	4.22
Equity Inc	303.70	321.20	-0.70	4.71
European Div	58.60	62.00	-0.30	4.11
-do- Acc	67.80	71.80	-0.30	4.11
European Gen	382.00	404.00	-3.10	1.09
-do- Acc	479.90	507.50	-3.90	1.09
Extra Yield	382.30	404.30	-3.30	4.29
-do- Acc	1117.8	1182.3	-9.60	4.29
Far Eastern	298.40	315.60	+0.30	0.60
-do- Acc	392.50	415.10	+0.30	0.60
Fund of Inv	512.60	542.10	-1.00	2.12
-do- Acc	934.90	988.80	-1.90	2.12
General	53.40	56.50	-0.30	3.64
-do- Acc	142.70	151.10	-0.90	3.64
Gilt Fxd Int	63.58	63.67	+0.03	7.59
do Acc	159.84	160.06	+0.08	7.59
Gold	59.50	62.90	-1.10	0.67
-do- Acc	70.00	74.00	-1.30	0.67
High Inc	25.20	26.60	-0.10	4.43
-do- Acc	95.30	100.70	-0.70	4.43
Intl Growth	67.30	71.20	-0.60	0.82
-do- Acc	116.50	123.30	-1.00	0.82
Intl Inc	94.40	99.80	-0.40	4.55
Japan Gen Acc	51.60	54.60	-0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	152.90	161.60	-0.20	...
Midland	35.70	38.90	-0.20	3.19
-do- Acc	178.30	188.80	-0.50	3.19
Recovery	38.40	38.50	-0.30	2.61
-do- Acc	57.90	61.30	-0.40	2.61
Second Gen	62.30	65.90	-0.10	3.37
-do- Acc	154.40	163.40	-0.30	3.37
Smaller Cos	60.70	64.20	...	3.05
-do- Acc	115.00	121.60	...	3.05
Trustee	39.70	42.00	...	3.83
Charifund 3	†114.84	...	+0.30	9.39
Charibond 2	642.40	648.90	-4.00	5.17
Pension ex 1	835.90	856.80	-6.30	4.28
NAACIF Inc 3	†46.89	...	...	7.60
-do- Acc 3	†1135.5	...	+1.30	7.60

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680866

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	134.00	144.70	-0.62	2.09
-do- Acc	151.30	161.70	-0.62	2.09
UK Income	111.90	119.60	-0.58	2.60
-do- Acc	126.40	135.20	-0.58	2.60

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	82.01	87.71	-0.54	0.46
Far East (Pacific)	134.20	143.50	-0.80	0.04
Income Growth	70.36	74.69	-1.35	3.51
European	67.81	71.99	-0.69	1.20
Nth American	55.92	59.36	-0.01	1.02
UK Growth	74.98	79.60	-0.21	1.62
Intl Growth	94.48	100.30	-0.30	0.64
Charities	107.80	114.40	-0.20	3.84
Intl Income	67.86	72.04	-0.13	5.51
Japan	53.55	56.88	-0.89	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	184.80	196.40	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	197.50	209.80	-0.00	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	...	5.03
-do- Acc	130.10	130.10	...	5.03
European Gth	191.00	202.50	-2.80	0.79
-do- Acc	204.50	216.80	-3.00	0.79
General	455.10	485.90	-5.60	2.49
-do- Acc	865.60	923.40	-10.70	2.49
Global Dist	132.10	138.90	-0.30	5.26
-do- Acc	147.80	155.40	-0.30	5.26
Income	137.50	146.40	-1.30	4.65
-do- Acc	202.90	216.00	-1.70	4.65
International	386.50	411.90	-1.90	0.68
-do- Acc	514.00	547.80	-2.50	0.68
Japan	189.60	201.10	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	194.90	206.50	+0.30	...
New Europe	137.70	146.90	-1.60	1.77
-do- Acc	139.90	149.30	-1.60	1.77
Recovery	287.60	306.80	-1.30	2.92
-do- Acc	363.30	387.60	-1.80	2.92
European Inc	72.37	76.77	-0.50	3.18
-do- Acc	93.52	99.20	-0.66	3.18
Brit Blue Chip	70.68	75.48	-0.62	3.34
-do- Acc	83.50	89.02	-0.97	3.34
Portfolio	73.01	77.64	-0.66	2.92
-do- Acc	83.02	88.28	-0.76	2.92
Gold General	141.70	152.40	-1.80	0.62
-do- Acc	144.80	155.70	-2.00	0.62
Pacific	89.56	95.53	-0.44	0.88
-do- Acc	95.24	101.60	-0.40	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	53.15	56.70	-0.22	1.92
-do- Acc	59.31	63.27	-0.25	1.92

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 529 370
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	56.89	60.84	-0.25	2.91
-do- Acc	57.76	61.78	-0.25	2.91
British Dist	74.73	79.92	-0.34	2.14
-do- Acc	84.56	90.46	-0.42	2.14
European Gth	168.90	180.60	-3.30	0.25
-do- Acc	212.10	226.80	-4.10	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.48	73.24	-0.17	6.27
-do- Acc	122.50	131.00	-0.30	6.27
FT-SE 100 Index	46.58	49.82	-0.28	2.75
-do- Acc	47.28	50.57	-0.28	2.75
Gilt Fixed Int	56.70	59.02	-0.01	6.82
-do- Acc	151.30	157.50	-0.10	6.82
High Yield	217.00	232.10	-0.60	4.73
-do- Acc	509.40	544.80	-1.60	4.73
Income	275.10	294.20	-1.30	3.38
-do- Acc	571.90	611.70	-2.70	3.38
Japan Gth	347.30	371.40	-4.40	...
-do- Acc	366.50	392.00	-4.70	...
Mandarin Acc	98.08	104.90	-0.70	0.46
North American	162.60	173.90	-1.60	0.25
-do- Acc	205.20	219.50	-1.90	0.25

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0823

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	261.20	278.50	+0.40	...
Deposit Inc	100.02	100.02	+0.01	5.82
Deposit Acc	123.07	123.07	+0.01	5.82
Euro Gth Acc	280.80	299.60	-1.80	...
Europa	121.60	130.10	..	...
Intl Gth	168.70	180.40	-1.60	...
Japan Tracker	78.92	83.59	-0.01	...
UK Equity Inc	147.70	159.00	-0.50	4.15
-do- Acc	181.10	195.00	-0.60	4.15
UK Ind Tracker	139.80	149.60	-1.50	3.21
US Eq Ind Trkr	189.40	200.90	-0.30	1.46
-do- Acc	200.40	212.50	-0.40	1.46
Asian Trader	157.00	170.30	+1.10	0.45

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	166.20	170.20	-0.80	2.19
European	59.69	61.08	-0.49	1.42
Olympiad	54.88	56.27	-0.41	0.34
Global Bond	47.98	48.52	+0.02	6.53
Smaller Cos	67.73	70.88	-0.06	0.90
Equity Income	89.10	91.64	-0.69	5.25
UK Growth	81.52	84.14	-0.68	1.80

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Billon Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387130

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	46.45	49.54	-0.17	0.99
Australian Acc	308.70	329	+0.10	...
Conscience	61.45	65.58	+0.61	1.37
-do- Acc	66.34	70.79	+0.66	1.33
European	164.50	175	-3.20	1.19
-do- Acc	177	188.20	-3.70	1.19
Extra Income	71.50	76.30	-0.35	5.82
-do- Acc	109.30	116.60	-0.50	5.82
Far East Gth	162.70	173.40	-0.50	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.63	62.93	-0.16	6.55
Gold	51.97	55.88	+0.98	...
-do- Acc	55.97	60.18	+1.07	...
Income	51.17	54.58	-0.23	5.15
-do- Acc	156.60	167	-0.70	5.15
International	29.12	31.24	-0.32	1.06
-do- Acc	41.84	44.89	-0.46	1.06
Jap Sm Cos Acc	343.90	366.80	-5.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	190.90	204.70	+4.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.53	26.37	-0.11	0.87
Special Sits	31.14	33.48	-0.14	1.79
-do- Acc	35.86	38.53	-0.17	1.79
Tokyo	86.70	92.48	-0.98	...
-do- Acc	87.58	93.41	-0.99	...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5522

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	65.74	69.94	-0.28	2.73
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	76.83	81.31	...	5.86
N&P Higher Inc	194.60	207.10	-0.70	4.63
N&P UK Income	99.89	106.27	-0.50	3.81
N&P Intl	87.23	92.80	-0.25	1.66
N&P Smaller Cos	74.44	79.20	-0.56	1.55

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	160.68	170.94	-1.52	2.02
Global	290.20	308.73	-1.40	3.06
Growth	105.59	112.33	-0.95	1.93
Income	198.43	211.10	-1.19	3.70
Intl Bond	129.42	137.43	-0.68	6.76

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	134.10	141.10	-1.20	2.62
-do- Acc	237.60	250.10	-2.10	2.62
Income	217.70	231.50	-1.90	3.57
Intl Equity	221.80	235.90	-1.10	0.86
-do- Acc	242.80	258.20	-1.20	0.86
Equity	210.20	223.50	-2.30	2.51
-do- Acc	430.90	458.40	-4.50	2.51
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.11	72.45	-0.87	2.01
UK Income	59.32	63.10	-0.53	3.11
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.72	80.54	-0.10	1.41
New Europe Acc	80.65	84.52	-0.82	1.24

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.90	98.29	-0.10	0.08
PEP Gth Inc	100.23	107.20	-1.09	1.38
Intl Gth	485.87	519.65	-2.89	0.77
Income	304.31	325.47	+0.05	3.40
W'wide Recov	309.70	331.24	-4.00	0.40
American Gth	203.56	217.72	-1.24	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	186.13	199.08	-1.17	0.20
Far East Gth	218.09	233.26	-2.04	0.01
European Gth	112.64	120.48	-2.05	1.16
UK Growth	76.70	82.04	-0.47	2.75
High Income	82.61	88.39	-0.38	4.35
Japanese Gth	217.12	231.03	-2.85	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282465

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	172.60	183.70	-1.20	0.69
High Income	108.80	115.70	+0.50	3.68
Conv Gilt	108.60	115.50	-0.50	6.06
Far East	315.90	336.10	+5.70	0.23
Global Inc Acc	31.44	33.44	-0.22	5.25

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	50.19	53.39	+0.13	0.21
Emerging Mkts	63.00	67.02	-0.54	0.57
General	46.66	49.64	+0.47	3.28
International	83.47	88.80	-0.88	1.37
Gilt Units	25.86	26.68	-0.04	7.22
Global PEP	34.24	36.43	-0.35	2.15
Income Gth	64.64	68.77	-0.21	4.76
European	42.61	45.33	-1.06	0.07
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.46	26.02	+0.17	6.05

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4400
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 939091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	30.78	32.91	-0.24	1.76
Pru Gth Hvn Inc	101.65	102.12	-0.01	4.82
-do- Acc	105.77	106.29	+0.01	4.82
Pru Equity	635.89	680.09	-5.10	2.75
Pru Equity Inc	78.34	83.57	-0.21	4.58
Pru European	170.91	182.79	-2.62	1.20
Pru Global Gth	78.19	83.62	-0.74	1.38
Pru High Inc	84.35	90.21	-0.07	5.00
Pru Intl	158.90	169.94	-1.69	1.17
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.86	73.64	-0.66	0.70
Pru Japanese	200.99	214.96	-2.71	...
Pru Nth Amer	139.73	149.44	-1.69	0.86
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.03	81.31	+0.16	1.22
Pru Premr Inc	30.32	32.41	-0.03	5.16
Pru Smllr Cos	80.36	85.94	-1.01	2.19
Pru Spec Sits	94.56	101.13	-0.53	2.64
Pru UK Growth	106.45	113.85	-0.71	2.53

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2961/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA Income	151.53	162.12	-0.91	3.89
FA Japan	278.78	296.67	-1.97	...
FA Maj UK Cos	88.99	96.08	-1.07	2.63
FA America Inc	485.47	517.55	-1.77	0.87
-do- Acc	566.84	604.29	-2.07	0.87
FA Smlr UK Cos	267.17	280.07	-0.45	1.62
FA European	249.98	265.38	-2.00	1.41

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	71.39	75.95	-0.14	3.68
Capital Units	141.80	150.60	-0.90	1.30
Commodity	111.80	118.90	-1.10	1.10
European Gth	156.20	166.20	-1.20	1.28
Financial Sec	176.60	187.90	-1.80	1.79
High Return	208.80	222.10	-1.20	3.72
High Yield	204.70	217.80	-0.50	3.99
Income Units	109.60	116.60	-0.20	4.72
Investment	177.50	188.80	-0.20	1.27
Japan Gth	156.20	166.20	-0.60	...
Japan Smaller	182.50	194.10	-2.50	...
Magnafund	45.92	48.83	-0.30	1.30
Scotbits	257.10	273.50	-2.80	1.51
Scotshares	253.20	269.40	-0.80	2.55
Scotyields	221.60	235.70	-1.60	3.95
Select Intl	128.40	136.60	-0.70	0.41
Smaller Cos	227.70	242.20	-0.90	3.89
Special Situation	108.50	115.40	-1.00	0.84
UK Equity	216.60	230.40	-1.70	2.42
US Growth	135.80	144.90	-0.10	0.39

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client Enq: 0800 526 535
Broker Enq: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	232.05	246.74	-1.70	0.59
-do- Acc	251.42	267.33	-1.84	0.59
Australian	131.03	139.76	+0.63	0.81
-do- Acc	154.04	164.30	+0.73	0.81
UK Enterprise	211.11	225.18	-1.85	2.37
-do- Acc	246.70	263.14	-1.85	2.37
European Gth	60.42	64.26	-1.15	1.38
-do- Acc	62.75	66.74	-1.15	1.38
Euro Smllr Cos	55.33	59.01	-0.36	0.46
-do- Acc	55.70	59.41	-0.37	0.46
Far Eastern Gth	72.18	76.99	-0.21	...
-do- Acc	73.95	78.26	-0.21	...
Fixed Interest	54.62	57.60	-0.14	6.51
-do- Acc	66.33	69.94	-0.18	6.51
Gilt Income	105.49	111.17	-0.34	7.42
-do- Acc	147.33	155.26	-0.48	7.42
Income	316.63	337.73	-2.35	3.81
-do- Acc	933.95	996.22	-7.51	3.81
Japan Enterprise	68.45	73.01	-0.92	...
-do- Acc	68.45	73.01	-0.92	...
Japan Smllr Cos	475.84	507.56	-5.55	...
-do- Acc	476.79	508.57	-5.57	...
Pacific Gth	93.80	100.08	+0.63	0.07
-do- Acc	96.61	103.05	+0.65	0.07
Smaller Cos	188.72	201.30	-0.06	0.79
-do- Acc	218.27	232.82	-0.07	0.79
Tokyo	109.10	116.37	-1.65	...
-do- Acc	110.20	117.55	-1.67	...
UK Equity	205.31	218.99	-1.59	2.59
-do- Acc	394.95	410.61	-2.97	2.59
US Smllr Cos	132.54	141.37	-1.72	...
-do- Acc	132.54	141.37	-1.72	...
World Fd	69.84	74.49	-0.69	2.10
-do- Acc	73.63	78.54	-0.73	2.10

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2300

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	46.25	49.26	-0.23	3.72
Equity Strategy	62.66	66.73	-0.46	1.04
European Opps	71.31	75.95	-0.92	3.22
Maximum Inc	96.63	102.20	+0.02	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.28	56.74	-0.28	2.33

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	323.70	336.60	-1.30	2.92
American	242.90	257.80	-1.80	0.76
Pacific	332.80	355.30	-2.80	0.61
European	440.50	471.10	-7.80	1.22
Worldwide	79.05	84.55	-0.52	1.12

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	293.90	312.70	-3.40	2.76
UK Sm Cos Eqty	207.40	220.70	-0.20	1.62
European	324.30	345.00	-4.90	1.70
North American	250.40	266.40	-0.40	0.58
Income Plus Inc	66.82	71.09	-0.63	3.77
UK Spec Sits	66.36	70.60	-0.35	2.81

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	25.13	26.90	-0.20	2.94
Intl Growth Acc	29.22	31.27	-0.07	1.03
Market Ldrs Acc	25.39	27.07	-0.33	3.07

FOR SCOTTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	998.02	...	-1.35	...
Global Bond	$103.50	...	+0.10	7.50
Japan Smaull	195.13	...	-0.91	...
UK Growth	499.18	...	+0.07	3.98

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	43.75	46.49	-0.30	1.68
Equity Gth Acc	59.86	63.61	-0.40	1.53
UK Eq General	41.01	43.58	-0.30	2.25
-do- Acc	54.16	57.55	-0.40	2.25
European Acc	41.42	44.01	-0.50	1.09
Far East Acc	56.10	59.61	-0.40	0.18
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	32.52	33.34	+0.10	8.29
N American Acc	42.93	45.62	...	1.00
O/S Lgr Cos Acc	281.70	305.20	-1.60	1.48
UK Eq High Inc	35.60	37.83	-0.30	3.76
-do- Acc	42.38	44.93	-0.40	3.76
UK Lgr Cos Inc	283.80	308.00	-2.10	3.76
UK Lgr Cos Acc	369.60	401.10	-2.70	3.76

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N253.58	N253.80	+0.008	1.25
US Eq	$2.125	$2.265	+0.023	1.18
Far East Eq	Y242.0	Y257.1	+1.60	...
Japan Eq	Y243.9	Y259.1	-0.30	...
FT Europe	110.50	117.40	-1.30	2.22
FT North Am	$1.713	$1.816	+0.003	1.32
FT Japan	Y244.5	Y259.7	+0.90	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.888	$2.005	+0.011	1.52

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	334.80	357.30	-2.30	0.32
British	938.70	993.10	-0.70	4.12
European	388.60	413.40	-3.00	1.40
Japan	146.20	155.30	-2.30	...
New Pacific	294.60	313.80	-2.30	1.05
Mngd Cash	95.57	95.57	...	5.18
Majority Stlg	93.76	100.75	+0.01	4.88
Inv Tst	189.30	200.70	-1.10	1.70
Saints PPP	381.60	401.70	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	709.70	759.00	-4.10	3.07
N America Acc	115.50	123.50	-0.70	0.32
Far East Acc	123.60	132.20	-0.20	...
W wide Bond	61.15	64.92	-0.48	5.47
European	82.34	88.06	-1.50	1.04
Equity Income	81.76	87.44	-0.34	4.03

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	33.72	36.07	-0.02	0.54
Managed Assets	116.20	124.28	-0.89	3.22
UK Income	35.72	38.21	-0.39	3.03
UK Growth	35.43	37.90	-0.40	2.30
Worldwide Gth	30.88	33.03	-0.32	0.44

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	204.32	217.36	-1.32	0.08
-do- Acc	224.42	238.74	-1.44	0.08
British Gth	82.59	87.87	-0.46	2.04
-do- Acc	97.18	103.38	-0.55	2.04
European	90.54	96.32	-0.25	1.05
-do- Acc	95.50	101.60	-0.26	1.05
Extra Inc	185.24	197.06	+1.01	4.11
-do- Acc	295.51	314.37	+1.62	4.11
General Unit	255.17	271.46	-1.62	2.53
-do- Acc	509.61	542.14	-2.01	2.53
Income	318.27	338.59	-1.59	3.67
-do- Acc	661.40	703.62	-3.30	3.67
International	481.04	511.74	-3.20	0.42
-do- Acc	629.73	669.92	-4.19	0.42
Pacific	343.73	365.67	-0.96	...
-do- Acc	361.07	384.12	-1.00	...
Premier Income	51.16	53.29	-0.74	6.38
-do- Acc	108.15	112.66	+0.01	6.38
Nat Resources	135.91	144.58	+2.03	0.24
-do- Acc	149.15	158.67	+2.22	0.24
Selected Opps	96.28	102.44	-0.39	1.28
-do- Acc	120.56	128.25	-0.50	1.28

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX
071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smi Cos	71.09	75.62	-0.46	...
-do- Acc	73.32	78.20	-0.47	...
European Opps	60.31	64.20	-0.99	0.46
-do- Acc	60.93	64.86	-1.00	0.46
Far East Opps	148.94	158.86	-1.44	...
-do- Acc	152.41	162.57	-1.46	...
Japan	88.40	94.00	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	88.40	94.00	-1.00	...
Little Dragons	72.23	77.04	-0.04	0.65
-do- Acc	74.36	79.31	-0.03	0.65
Oriental Income	43.64	46.54	-0.43	3.42
-do- Acc	55.64	59.34	-0.55	3.42
Tiger	208.78	222.69	-0.58	1.18
-do- Acc	219.37	233.99	-0.62	1.18
UK Small Cos	81.45	87.00	+0.61	1.83
-do- Acc	95.03	101.50	+0.71	1.83

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australian Gold	19.27	20.50	+0.05	0.50
Pacific Basin	32.06	34.10	-0.07	0.80
Canadian Gth	35.02	37.25	-0.05	...
Global Bond	$0.978	$1.018	-0.002	7.11
Penny Share	24.26	25.80	-0.17	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	53.02	53.02	+0.01	5.04
Gilt Growth	68.82	71.73	-0.02	...
Gilt Income	52.70	54.84	-0.03	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	108.70	110.20	+0.10	...
US Govmt Bd	$0.717	$0.726	-0.000	...
Challenger	93.02	97.23	-0.27	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	66.69	70.94	-0.22	2.01

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	2,500	Cadbury	1,900	MB Cardn	997	Scot Power	596
Abbey Natl	2,800	Carlton Com	369	Marks Spr	3,500	Sears	3,800
Alld-Lyons	437	Coats Vyla	3,400	NFC	472	Svrn Trent	489
Anglian W	1,100	Cm Union	816	NatWst Bk	5,200	Shell Trans	3,200
Argyll Gp	7,200	Courtaulds	749	Nat Power	370	Siebe	1,100
Arjo Wiggn	2,400	De La Rue	1,200	Nth Wst W	1,900	SmKl Bch	2,000
AB Foods	309	Enterpr Oil	411	Nthrn Fds	394	Smith Nph	3,300
BAA	722	Forte	4,300	P & O	381	Std Chartd	739
BAT Inds	4,400	GRE	1,300	Pearson	1,200	Sun Allnce	3,400
BOC	1,400	GUS A	926	PowerGen	961	TI Gp	134
BP	5,800	Gen Acc	437	Prudential	3,400	TSB	3,300
BT	25,000	Gen Elec	7,500	RMC	1,900	Tate & Lyle	824
BTR	3,000	Glaxo	5,400	RTZ	1,700	Tesco	3,800
Bk of Scot	7,900	Granada	475	Rank Org	511	Thames W	1,300
Barclays	4,200	Grand Met	2,200	Reckitt Col	301	Thrn EMI	766
Bass	682	Guinness	1,200	Redland	1,400	Tomkins	1,200
Blue Circle	2,100	HSBC	6,300	Reed Intl	620	Unilever	2,000
Boots	1,000	Hanson	3,900	Rentokil	542	Utd Bisc	1,300
Bowater	2,300	ICI	1,100	Reuters	1,700	Vodafone	1,500
Brit Aero	1,800	Inchcape	1,600	Rothmans	1,100	Warburg (SG)	649
Brit Airwys	2,200	Kingfisher	1,100	Ryl Ins	1,300	Wellcome	1,000
Brit Gas	4,500	Ladbroke	1,800	Ryl Bk Scot	1,400	Whitbd 'A'	2,500
Brit Steel	3,900	Land Secs	1,100	Sainsbury	2,900	Wlms Hld	635
Burmah C	89	Legal & Gn	569	Scot Hydro	769	Wolseley	682
Cable Wire	1,000	Lloyds Bk	3,600	Scot & New	558	Zeneca	3,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3544.50 (-0.28)
S&P Composite 446.80 (-0.51)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20060.91 (+42.91)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6839.98 (-6.83)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 116.2 (-1.0)

Sydney: AO 1818.5 (+12.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1823.81 (-15.18)

FT 30 share: 2220.1 (-1.2)

Brussels:
General Closed

Paris: CAC 540.08 (-3.08)

Zurich: SKA Gen 533.10 (+0.10)

London:
FT A All-Share 1396.75 (-4.52)
FT 500 1501.64 (-2.55)
FT Gold Mines 218.1 (-3.3)
FT Fixed Interest 117.18 (-0.05)
FT Govt Secs 98.03 (-0.29)
Bargains 25991
SEAQ Volume 554.1m
USM (Datastrm) 138.83 (+0.55)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 12	July 23	October 14	October 25

Call options were taken out on 21/7/93: BWD Secs, Dixons, Govett Hldgs, Hanson Wts, Medeva, McCarthy & Stone, Regalian Prop, UK Land, Vistec, Tiphook.
Puts & Calls: Anglo Pacific Res, Costain, Medeva.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 44902)	Sep 93	2832.0	2833.0	2802.0	2818.0	12777
	Dec 93	2834.5	2837.5	2826.0	2836.0	259
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 338860)	Sep 93	94.12	94.12	94.02	94.03	29624
	Dec 93	94.29	94.30	94.19	94.20	27057
	Mar 94	94.28	94.29	94.15	94.18	9179
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 13674)	Sep 93	96.60	96.61	96.60	96.59	245
	Dec 93	96.16	96.17	96.15	96.15	383
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 659750)	Sep 93	93.27	93.29	93.15	93.16	70255
	Dec 93	93.92	93.95	93.81	93.82	38221
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 90722)	Sep 93	108-19	108-23	108-00	108-06	50241
	Dec 93	107-16	107-20	107-16	107-22	295
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.36	110.53	110.35	110.36	2559
	Dec 93				109.45	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 181809)	Sep 93	96.09	96.20	95.77	95.88	97095
	Dec 93	96.23	96.26	95.98	96.05	378
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 19822)	Sep 93	99.97	100.04	99.74	99.79	5139
	Dec 93				99.98	0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 3181)	Sep 93	92.95	92.98	92.71	92.74	3741
	Dec 93	93.65	93.69	93.45	93.48	1704
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 44267)	Sep 93	95.50	95.50	95.43	95.43	6389
	Dec 93	95.74	95.76	95.70	95.71	786
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 53896)	Sep 93	104.42	104.60	103.90	104.03	25717
	Dec 93	103.98	104.06	103.60	103.64	764

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 82.1 (day's range 81.8-82.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8875-2.9042	2.8875-2.8910	½-⅜ds	¼-⅛ds
Brussels	52.89-53.23	53.03-53.09	7-12ds	16-22ds
Copenhagen	9.9080-9.9740	9.9250-9.9470	n/a	n/a
Dublin	1.0650-1.0685	1.0654-1.0681	3-8ds	7-14ds
Frankfurt	2.5683-2.5777	2.5683-2.5716	¼-⅜ds	⅝-⅞ds
Lisbon	249.59-251.61	250.85-251.33	102-122ds	301-343ds
Madrid	201.14-203.10	201.60-202.50	95-113ds	275-300ds
Milan	2404.60-2423.50	2417.40-2422.10	7-9ds	20-23ds
Montreal	1.9223-1.9385	1.9305-1.9334	0.35-0.26pr	0.65-0.51pr
New York	1.5095-1.5185	1.5130-1.5140	0.38-0.36pr	1.08-1.06pr
Oslo	10.9460-11.0400	10.9760-11.0000	¼-⅞ds	¼-1⅛ds
Paris	8.7580-8.8080	8.7750-8.7890	1⅜-1⅝ds	3¾-4⅛ds
Stockholm	12.0020-12.0970	12.0380-12.0630	2-3⅛ds	6-7⅝ds
Tokyo	163.47-164.69	164.16-164.43	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	18.02-18.15	18.08-18.11	⅞-1⅞ds	2-3⅞ds
Zurich	2.2672-2.2808	2.2717-2.2748	⅜-¼pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5149-1.5175
Australia dollar	2.2308-2.2340
Bahrain dinar	0.563-0.575
Brazil cruzeiro*	99038.8-99105.6
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland markka	8.627-8.743
Greece drachma	347.25-354.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.7594-11.7688
India rupee	46.94-47.90
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4505-0.4605
Malaysia ringgit	3.8941-3.8983
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7521-2.7590
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.597-5.723
Singapore dollar	2.4510-2.4542
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8045-6.8395
S Africa rand (com)	5.0478-5.0535
U A E dirham	5.483-5.607

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4705-1.4716
Austria	11.93-11.94
Belgium (Com)	35.03-35.04
Canada	1.276-1.277
Denmark	6.56-6.57
France	5.7875-5.7925
Germany	1.697-1.698
Hong Kong	7.7518-7.7528
Ireland	1.4175-1.4200
Italy	1594.5-1596.5
Japan	108.5-108.6
Malaysia	2.5675-2.5685
Netherlands	1.9115-1.9125
Norway	7.255-7.265
Portugal	165.55-165.75
Singapore	1.6163-1.6173
Spain	133.25-133.75
Sweden	7.957-7.967
Switzerland	1.5006-1.5016

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8 Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth: 5⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5⅞	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5⅝-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾
Interbank:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾

Overnight: open 6¼, close 8¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6	5⅞	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.13-3.10	n/a	3.21-3.18	3.43-3.40	3.65-3.62
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 30, 1993 Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to August 24, 1993. Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to June 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-6⅞
French Franc:	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅝	7⅛-6⅞	8-7
Swiss Franc:	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⅝	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⅝	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⅝	4⅝-4½	5-4
Yen:	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bullion $)

Bullion: Open $391.50-391.90 Close: $391.60-392.10 High: $392.60-393.10 Low: $390.40-390.90 Krugerrand: $391.00-393.00 (£257.50-259.50)
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.00 (£59.00-61.00) New $91.00-93.00 (£59.00-61.00)
Platinum: $404.25 (£266.30) Silver: $5.04 (£2.32) Palladium: $138.50 (£91.20)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	43½	64½	70	1	6½	14
(*547)	550	5½	28	38½	9	24½	33½
Argyll	300	2½	14½	20½	10½	18	24½
(*296)	330	1	5	10½	39½	40½	44½
ASDA	57	5	7½	-	1	4	-
(*61½)	67	1	3½	-	7	10½	-
Boots	420	11½	30	37½	3½	15½	24½
(*425½)	460	1	12	19½	34½	39½	47
Br Airways	280	23	35½	41	1	8½	13
(*301½)	316	3	17	24	10	21	28
BP	280	11	19½	25½	2	11	17
(*286)	300	1½	10½	16	14	21	26½
Br Steel	100	4½	11	16	2	7	9½
(*102)	110	1	7	11½	9	12½	15½
C & W	750	12½	42½	58	7	26	37
(*756½)	800	1	19	32½	49	57½	66
CU	590	37½	47½	-	1	13½	-
(*616)	629	3½	19½	-	17	38	-
ICI	633	12	30	47½	6½	30	38
(*639½)	657	3	20	36½	22½	45½	52
Kingfshr	594	10½	34½	-	4	19½	-
(*595)	632	1	13½	-	44	48½	-
Land Sec	600	9	30	40½	5	17½	26½
(*602)	650	1	9½	19	49	51	57
M & S	330	4	18	23½	5	15	20
(*333)	360	1	6½	12	33½	35	38½
Nat West	460	22½	35½	44½	1½	14½	19½
(*481½)	500	1½	14	25	22½	37	42
Sainsbury	420	26½	43½	51	1	9	15½
(*450)	460	2½	19½	28½	16	27	33½
Shell	600	7½	23	34	6	23½	30½
(*603)	650	1	5½	15	50	60	63½
Smkl Bch	390	29	41½	52½	1½	12	18½
(*421)	420	6	25	37	9	25½	32½
Storehse	190	12	19½	24½	1	6	10½
(*190½)	200	1½	8½	14	11½	16	21
Trafalgar	92	9	14½	-	1	4½	-
(*100)	101	2½	9	-	3½	7½	-
Unilever	900	48	74	87½	1½	14½	24½
(*947)	950	8	39½	57½	13½	34	46½
Zeneca	600	4½	24	35½	11	35½	43½
(*593½)	650	1	7½	18	60	73	77½

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grand Met	390	12½	29	39	3	14	26
(*407½)	420	1½	15	26	23	37	43
Ladbroke	180	4	13	17	4	14½	18½
(*190)	200	1	5½	9½	22½	29	32
Utd Bisc	360	6	24½	33	7½	20½	30½
(*361)	390	1	12	21	33½	39	49½

July 21, 1993 Tot: 23771 Calls: 12160 Puts: 11611 FT-SE Calls: 5147 Puts: 3077
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	30½	53½	59½	5½	18	25½
(*722)	750	5	28	33½	32½	43½	51
Thames W	460	20½	34½	37½	3½	15½	19
(*474)	500	2½	14	18	29	38	41½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	425	16½	30	41½	9½	20	26
(*437)	450	4	18	28	27	35	39½
BTR	360	12	21	25	5	15½	17½
(*360)	390	1½	8	14	27	34	36
Br Aero	390	17½	40	54	17½	38	46
(*388½)	420	6½	25	40½	37½	56½	64
Br Telcm	390	27	31½	34½	1	12½	18
(*416½)	420	6	16	20	12½	27½	33½
Cadbury	430	18	31	41½	5	16	21½
(*433)	460	2½	12½	22½	31	39	44
Guinness	420	36½	50	60	2	10½	17
(*452½)	460	8½	25½	36½	15½	27½	35
GEC	300	31½	39	43	1½	4	7½
(*329)	330	7	18½	24	7½	14	18½
Hanson	220	17½	22½	25	1½	6	9½
(*234½)	240	4	10	15	9½	15	19½
LASMO	130	8½	15½	20	4	10½	13½
(*137)	140	4	10½	15½	9½	16½	19
Lucas	130	16	22	25	1½	7½	10½
(*143½)	140	8	15½	19½	4½	12½	15
Pilkingtn	130	5½	13	14	4½	9½	14½
(*134)	140	2	8	9½	12	15	21
Prudential	330	14	23	30	4½	13½	17
(*338)	360	2	9	16	24½	31½	34½
Redland	460	23½	38½	46½	5½	23½	29
(*474½)	500	4½	18½	28½	29½	46	51½
Royal Ins	298	33	39	46	1½	6½	9½
(*319½)	317	9½	21½	28½	3	13½	22
Tesco	200	6½	14½	21	7	14	17
(*202)	220	1½	7	15	23½	28	30
Vodafone	420	23	41½	49½	5	16½	23½
(*435½)	460	4	21½	30	28½	37½	44½
Williams	300	15	23½	31	4	15	19
(*301½)	330	2½	9½	17	23	34	37

FT-SE INDEX (*2813½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Aug	122	82	48	21	9	5
Sep	141	103	70	45	27	16
Oct	155	118	88	63	40	25
Nov	172	137	107	83	61	45
Dec	183	-	120	-	74	-
Puts						
Aug	11	21	38	65	106	148
Sep	23	36	55	81	115	153
Oct	36	49	66	94	124	160
Nov	48	64	83	100	139	172
Dec	56	-	91	-	146	-

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	18½	31	37½	12	18	25
(*398½)	420	5½	16½	23½	31	35½	42
Amstrad	30	4	5½	6½	2	3	3½
(*32)	35	2	3½	4½	4½	5½	6½
Barclays	460	24½	37½	46	14	22½	29
(*471½)	500	6½	19	27	39½	46	52
Blue Circ	240	13½	20½	26	11	19	23
(*241½)	260	5½	12	17½	24½	32	34½
Br Gas	280	19	23	27½	5	11½	15½
(*290)	300	7	12	17½	15	23	26
Dixons	180	24	32	36	4	8	12
(*198½)	200	12	20½	25	12	17	20½
Forte	220	14½	21½	25	9	17	21
(*229)	240	6	13	19	22½	29	32½
Hillsdwn	130	15½	20½	23	4½	9	11
(*139½)	140	9	14½	18	8½	14½	16
Lonrho	120	14½	20	23½	4½	7	12
(*130½)	130	8	15	18½	9	13	17
Sears	90	8	10½	12½	2½	4½	5½
(*95½)	100	3	5½	7	7	10	11
Thrn Emi	900	39	59	68	23	34½	46
(*931½)	950	12	34	45	55	63½	73
Tomkins	200	22	27	31	4	8	11½
(*219)	220	8	15½	20½	13	17½	21
TSB	180	19½	24½	28	3½	7½	11½
(*196)	200	7½	13½	17	13½	17	22
Wellcome	600	39	59	70½	20½	41	48½
(*611½)	650	16½	35½	48½	49½	69	76

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	500	52½	46½	57½	16½	35½	46
(*519½)	550	13	26	38½	49	67½	76
HSBC	600	43	61	77	18	30½	48
(*623½)	650	17	36½	53	45½	58	74
Reuter	1350	76	117	43½	29½	57½	88½
(*1407)	1400	46½	90	15½	51½	83½	111

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	130	13½	17½	20	5	10	12
(*138)	140	7½	12½	15	9½	15½	17

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	4½	15	17½	4	12	16½
(*161)	180	1	7	9½	21½	25	29½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	27½	42½	49	2½	10½	16½
(*481½)	500	4½	20	27½	21	29½	35½

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	330	33	42½	46	3½	9½	12½
(*356)	360	13½	24	28½	14	20½	25
Scot Pwr	310	15½	21½	-	3½	13	-
(*320)	330	4½	11½	16	21½	24½	28½

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee is still holding up well, despite the return of warmer weather to Brazilian coffee growing districts. One supportive feature to the London contract is that eight major African producers have apparently agreed to join the Latin Americans in a retention scheme to raise prices. The African countries are predominantly growers of Robusta coffee, which is traded on the London commodity exchange.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Jul	744-743	Sep	510 BID
Sep	759-758	Dec	822-820
Dec	770-769	Mar	835-828
Mar	784-775	May	844-834
May	792 BID		
Jul	800 BID		Volume: 2579

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	975-971	Mar	1000-998
Sep	995-992	May	1004-1002
Nov	1000-999	Jul	1005-1000
Jan	999 SLR		Volume: 1852

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	...	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	271.4-69.4
Spot 267.5		Aug	276.3-71.9
Oct	263.4-62.1	Oct	268.3-62.6
Dec	264.5-63.1	Dec	271.3-60.6
Mar	267.5-66.3		Volume: 164

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	79.40	91.51	129.27
(+/-)	-1.86	-7.21	-5.59
Eng/Wales	79.40	92.55	127.99
(+/-)	-1.65	-5.94	-5.74
(%)	+2.4	-17.1	-12.7
Scotland	79.27	88.55	135.40
(+/-)	-2.59	-11.07	-5.33
(%)	+5.5	+15.7	-4.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jul	110.0	110.6	Oct	104.0	104.0
Aug	102.8	102.8			Volume: 24

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	106.80
Nov	108.25
Jan	110.50
Mar	112.55
May	114.60
	Volume: 90

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	103.00
Nov	105.25
Jan	107.80
Mar	110.00
May	111.00
	Volume: 124

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	183.00
Oct	183.80
Dec	185.00
Feb	186.00
Apr	186.50
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	60.0
Apr	91.7	91.8
May	99.0	98.0
		Volume: 39

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kl)
Aug 59.00-59.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The market showed little change after digesting Tuesday night's stats, awaiting next week's Opec meeting.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.70	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.70	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.75	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.85	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.15	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	194 (n/c)	196 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	158 (-1)	159 (-1)
Non EEC IH Aug	159 (-2)	160 (-1)
Non EEC IH Sep	160 (-1)	162 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	58 (n/c)	60 (n/c)
Naphtha	161 (-1)	163 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	157.50-57.75	Nov	163.50-63.75
Sep	159.00-59.25	Dec	165.75-66.00
Oct	161.50-61.75	Jan	167.50-67.75
			Vol: 9542

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	16.78-16.80	Dec	n/a
Oct	16.95-16.97	Jan	n/a
Nov	17.10 BID		Vol: 25853

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	184.00-84.75	Nov	n/a
Sep	181.00-81.75	Dec	n/a
Oct	n/a		Vol: 6

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 93	1340	1333	1335
Aug 93	1320	1300	1309
Sep 93	1345	1345	1342
Oct 93	1400	1390	1390

Vol: 136 lots. Open int'st: 3560 Index 1356 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1903.0-1903.5	1907.0-1908.0	130B450
Lead ($/tonne)	391.50-392.00	405.00-405.50	10850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	947.00-947.50	963.00-963.50	38455
Tin ($/tonne)	4945.0-4955.0	5005.0-5010.0	12200
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1190.5-1191.0	1215.5-1216.5	106125
Nickel ($/tonne)	4891.0-4892.0	4946.0-4947.0	50688

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Losses halved at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 19. Dealings end July 30. §Contango day August 2. Settlement day August 9. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Nat	399	-4	11.5	3.6	15.4
243	199	Allied Irish	238	+2	...	4.4	13.2
183	130	Anly New Y	170½	+½	...	5.1	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2944½	-90	...	...	...
238	177	Bk of Ireland	238 †	...	...	5.8	17.1
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.2	...
199	116½	Bank Scotland	150	-6	4.5	3.8	29.9
496	362	Barclays	475	-5	...	4.0	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	21	...	...	...	...
513	398	Cater Allen	497	...	27.0	6.8	∞
130	85	Cantor	127	...	...	4.1	16.9
2630	1757½	Chase Manh	2162½	-9½	...	...	...
2137½	1343½	Chicorp	2095½	-31½	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	360	+6	...	3.4	16.0
£128½	9275	Commerzbk	£122½	-1½	...	3.5	...
£204½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£284	-2½	...	2.1	...
85	65	First Nat Fin	72	+2	...	...	...
1555	1076	Fuji Bank Y	1544	+35	...	0.5	...
465	343	Gerrard Nat	420	...	31.5	6.3	11.4
671½	490	HSBC	624	-7	19.0	3.8	14.9
651	474	HSBC HK	611	-6	19.0	3.9	14.8
356	248	Hambros	342	...	14.0	5.1	15.8
363	315	Joseph (L)	358	...	16.6	6.5	∞
155	96	King Shaxson	134	...	0.0	0.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	408	+3	16.0	4.9	14.1
593	402	Lloyds	566	-13	18.4	4.1	16.2
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	80	...	3.0	4.7	15.8
474	322	Nat Aust Bk	466	+6	...	4.4	16.1
507	398	Nat West	482	+9	17.5	4.5	29.5
397	220	Provident	378	...	11.4	3.8	16.4
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
305	207	Rpt Bk Scot	291	-7	8.8	3.8	...
993	667½	Schroders	993	+5	...	1.4	19.8
852	576	Stand Chart	820	-15	20.0	3.6	...
204	145½	TSB	196	-3	6.4	4.1	...
143	78	Union Disc	131	...	...	4.4	16.1
741	529	Warburg SG	719	-16	...	3.5	18.1
256	185	-do- 6% 'A'	249	-5	...	3.0	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7250	+25	...	1.4	...
194	121	Westpac	178	-2	...	4.5	...
250	188	Westrust	240	...	9.5	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

646	517	Allied-Lyons	548	...	...	4.8	14.8
647	441	Bass	498	-4	18.9	5.0	10.2
299	189	Boddingtons	269	+5	7.3	3.4	15.7
420	362	Bulmer (HP)	418	...	10.3	3.1	∞
194	129	Burtonwd Brw	135 †	...	4.7	4.4	...
372	261	Dewhirst (IA)	360	...	7.8	2.2	20.3
105	75	Eldridge F 'A'▲	103	-1	...	3.9	22.3
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	55½	+1	...	4.9	7.7
400	338	Fuller Sm 'A'▲	390 †	...	7.4	2.4	∞
1403	1150	Grand Met	1377	+7	12.3	3.7	14.8
427	347	Greenalls Grp	349	+2	11.7	4.2	11.6
563	505	Greene King	541 †	...	12.3	2.8	∞
518	440	Guinness	493	-1	...	3.3	16.1
281	201	Hardy Hanson	273	...	7.9	2.9	15.8
125	105	Henriques▲	112	...	3.0	3.4	26.7
95	78	-do- 'A' 13%▲	92	...	3.0	4.2	21.9
342	255	Highland Dist	327	-1	6.0	2.3	21.7
3138	2538	Holt J	3115	...	41.0	1.6	20.2
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56 ff	...	...	...	35.7
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	274	...	...	3.2	15.6
186	157	Macallan-Glen	166	...	0.9	0.7	37.3
465	375	Macdn Harm 'A'▲	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
355	253	Mansfield	282	...	...	3.5	17.3
283	231	Moxon Thmp	275	-2	5.4	2.5	∞
418	329½	Matthew Clark	416	+1	...	5.2	∞
300	263	Morgdwn W	285	...	...	2.7	20.6
545	455	Morland	539	...	8.4	1.9	21.5
12	6½	Paramount▲	8	...	...	2.1	14.5
165	145	Regent Inns	164	...	...	3.4	16.4
950	753	SA Brewries	897	-30	...	3.0	14.9
482½	408	Scot & New	432 †	-3	...	4.8	13.8
225	181	Taunton Cider	210 †	-1	6.0	3.6	∞
248	213	Vaux Group	234	+2	9.3	3.0	16.1
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	278	...	...	2.2	22.2
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	497	-5	...	4.5	13.4
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1084	+10	...	4.5	15.6
615	485	Wolverhmptn D	497	+1	11.4	2.9	14.0
515	475	Young 'A'	475	+1	14.5	3.7	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
57	13	Alfreghtons▲	19	-2	...	...	...
123	84	Allen▲	113	...	...	5.3	25.6
99	65	Amec	87	...	3.0	4.3	16.1
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
217	155	Ashtead▲	217	...	4.1	2.4	26.9
142	108	Ashwoods	116	...	5.0	5.4	16.8
240	180	BPB Ind	234	...	9.2	3.9	15.7
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	75	...	...	5.3	25.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcrom	98	...	1.2	1.6	17.8
158	94	Barratt Devs	146	+4	2.8	1.7	16.3
412	305	Bellway	377	...	...	4.0	21.8
37	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	269½	Berkeley Gp	396 †	...	6.0	1.9	∞
83	45	Beт Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
61	36	Blackleys	52	+1	1.0	2.4	57.5
265	189	Blue Circle	242	+3	...	5.4	...
285	230	Bovis (Fleury)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Brendon PLC	88	...	...	4.6	6.5	21.3
121	82	Br Dredging	115	...	5.2	3.4	47.2
81	48	Brit Fittings	75	...	1.5	2.7	25.5
151	99	Bryant	126	-1	4.8	4.8	27.0
284	205	CRH	271	+3	...	3.4	17.2
43	21	Calebread Hy	28	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	34	...	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	132 †	...	...	3.9	34.9
78	28	Cran Mackenzie	42	+2	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cranlee	88	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunmow▲	2½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hdgs	16	...	0.5	3.9	...
260	178	Epwin	254	...	6.8	3.3	23.5
162	122	Erith	142	...	10.0	7.0	...
400	252	Eve Croupe▲	400	+25	...	3.2	...
59	34	Everard Barton	45	...	2.0	5.8	21.1
6½	3½	Explasma▲	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	136	...	...	4.6	11.6
58	37	Galliford	57	...	4.3	...	15.7
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	52	...	...	...	...
913	695	Gleeson (M)	913	+35	12.7	1.7	14.8
2227	90	Hewden-Stuart	130½	...	...	3.4	22.4
31	28	Hewetson	45	...	...	4.6	13.4
305	18½	Heywd Wtns	305	+1	12.5	5.1	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	88	...	2.5	3.6	...
35	26	Ibw Gp	26	...	...	1.2	...
19	15	Howard Hdgs	16	...	1.5	3.5	...
70	39	Hsmck Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.5	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	260	...	9.0	4.2	10.7
83	55	Ln Cycledrive▲	79	...	4.5	7.1	28.7
215	105	Lovell (TJ)	174	...	...	1.0	7.9
320	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	2.8	19.3
143	93	Marley	141	+1	4.2	3.7	48.4
95	61	Marshalls	83 †	...	...	6.2	35.8
175	122	Maundrell (J)	154	...	4.9	4.0	11.4
214	96	McAlpine (A)	204	...	6.5	4.0	34.8
40	28	McCarthy & S	37	...	0.5	...	...
388	273	Meyer Int	350	-1	...	3.6	35.0
4	4	Miskin Gp▲	4 ff	...	...	...	...
128	62	Mowlem (J)	102	...	...	4.0	4.9
86	51	NSM	86	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	20.3
160	106	Newman Tuks	151	...	...	8.6	20.2
397	197	Pentamoon	262	-2	8.6	4.3	25.7
31	20	Phoenix Timber	26	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	20.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	111	...	3.4	3.6	...
6½	3½	Quilligotti▲	3½	...	...	...	...
781	595	RMC Gp	771	-6	...	1.2	20.5
117	75½	Raine Ind	110	-1	9.7	12.9	...
36	20	Ramsay▲	22	...	...	...	...
518	403	Redland	495	-5	25.0	6.6	27.6
79	64	Ruskin	79	...	4.5	5.8	11.5
294	207	Rugby Group	260	...	6.4	3.1	19.9
42	23	Sevtld-Bwn▲	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	...	4.5	19.1
177	89½	Sheffield Ind	175	...	...	3.9	12.9
123	82	Sheriff Hdgs▲	123	...	...	2.0	18.3
95	66	Shorco▲	72	...	...	9.0	10.4
238	196	Smart (J)	200	...	8.5	5.3	9.1
6½	2▲	Starwin▲	4	...	0.3	9.4	...
781	595	Tarmac	726	-1	15.5	3.1	15.5
194	137	Tay Homes	158	...	3.0	3.8	...
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	110	...	1.0	1.1	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	578	-5	33.0	7.1	18.8
30	19	Toras Hdrs▲	27	...	...	1.4	...
240	168	Travis Perkins	229	...	1.0	4.0	31.6
60	38	Try Group	51	...	1.0	4.0	8.8
28	25	Tudor▲	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	61	...	2.5	5.2	21.5
61	30	Ward Hdgs	41	...	...	...	...
36	24	Wernicke	30	...	...	...	...
478	360	Wates Build▲	426	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
28	8	Wescol▲	22	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	139	...	5.0	4.7	20.8
12	3½	Wm Sindall▲	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 ff	...	...	5.2	∞
461	371	Wilmot Bowtn	397	...	8.7	2.7	27.2
205	147	Wilson (C)	163	+1	3.9	3.0	28.3
187	104	Wimpey G	146	-1	...	4.0	...
47	25	YRM	40	...	...	...	4.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	668	...	...	...	...
228	188	Adam & Harvey	205 †	...	12.0	5.3	...
92	50	Air Londonz▲	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
96	57	African Lakes	94	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Auto Sec	157 †	...	...	4.2	28.1
119	84	BET Ord	116½	...	...	3.5	4.7
92	61	BNB Rst	90	...	4.9	6.8	...
218	207	BTR	203	...	8.0	3.9	16.3
285	200	Barbour Index	200 †	...	8.0	5.0	∞
22	15	Boustead	20	...	0.7	4.4	...
265	184	Brit Aero Mgt	209	...	...	2.1	19.9
39	11	Broadcastle▲	36	...	...	...	...
73	54	Brooks Service	58	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	102	...	2.4	2.8	11.7
178	139½	Capita Group	173	-2	...	1.5	27.0
45	31	Challer Plc	42	-½	...	2.4	16.0
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	45	...	...	...	...
320	228	Chubb Sec	305	+1	...	1.9	18.9
96	18	Comeca▲	78	...	...	2.4	10.5
30	6½	Corp Services	28	...	...	...	...
52	20	Cowie Craig	49	...	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	87 †	...	3.3	4.7	11.8
231	186	Davis Service	228	+3	...	4.4	16.9
104	85	EW Fact▲	91	...	4.0	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	25½	...	0.6	...	17.5
246	215	Hays	226	+1	4.6	2.5	22.2
220	174	Hogg Robinson	217	...	...	3.9	15.4
70	39	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.5
190	127	Hornb Whtcmp	166	-3	...	2.9	14.3
1975	975	ISS B DKr	1825	...	...	5.8	2.4
637	579	Inchcape	624	...	...	3.3	18.3
803	669	Johnson Clean	803	-5	25.7	3.9	18.2
12	2½	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	223	...	2.7	1.5	18.4
1187	893	Manpower	929	...	...	...	...
90	49½	Michael Page	90½	+½	1.8	4.5	21.4
279	190	Pentos▲	198	-2	...	8.6	7.1
4½	2	Prime Peoples▲	3	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	105	...	...	14.6	5.7
423	345	RCO	345	...	12.8	3.1	11.7
118	101	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	99	...	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Sec▲	123	+6	...	4.7	∞
258	178	Rentokil	197	+2	2.3	1.5	26.6
382	240	Rmke & Nolan	280	...	...	3.2	15.8
390	338	Salvesen (C)	342	+2	...	2.9	18.8
35	26	Scot Pickfords▲	28 †	...	...	3.6	∞
343	164	Securicgard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select Appt▲	5½	...	...	...	...
993	698	Serco Gp	990	...	14.0	1.8	27.4
452	220	Sherard Cmpn▲	221	...	...	4.0	6.5
130	60	Stanley	93	...	...	4.0	21.3
355	310	Warner Howard	314	...	6.5	2.6	10.4
45	27	Welpac	35	-2	...	...	...
36	14	Wilis Gp	27½	-½	...	0.5	22.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	210	Allied Colloids	233	+1	...	2.3	20.2
838	613	Amersham	784	-2	...	2.2	27.1
7	2	Anglo Ind	2½	...	...	...	...
£902½	8325	BASF DM	£1014	-46½	...	3.2	...
202	199	BTP	200	-1	...	4.5	17.9
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£115	-13½	...	4.6	...
178	134	Blagden	148	...	9.5	8.0	16.1
165	93	Brent Chems	100	-1	...	9.5	9.3
530	366	Br Bio-Tech	368	-2	...	...	...
29	12	Caird Gp	13	...	1.2	7.0	14.0
153	126	Canning (W)	133	...	...	3.3	13.8
606	504	Courtaulds	523	+9	...	3.5	18.0
281	228	Croda	226	-2	...	4.1	10.7
169	121	Docflex	139	...	...	7.0	4.2
219	175	Ellis & Everard	213	...	...	0.8	3.2
33½	18½	Euro Colour	31½	...	...	2.4	25.5
304	269	Halstead (J)	300	...	...	...	...
241	194	Hickson	222	...	...	4.5	20.6
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£107½	-125	...	3.3	18.6
225	195	Holliday Chem	202	-1	...	...	...
255	205	Exam	253	-1	6.9	3.4	23.2
582	499	Fine Art Dev	506	...	12.7	2.7	19.1
81	28	Forest Bath Tiles	28	...	...	...	...
543	498	Rentokil	538	...	12.5	2.9	11.3
108	24	French Conn▲	107	...	...	...	...
68	43	Gent Sit	55	...	2.0	4.5	16.4
39	23	Goldsmiths Gp	35	...	0.3	0.7	...
3600	2600	GUS	3450	...	...	1.5	27.3
1970	1563	-do- 'A'	1940	-25	...	2.9	15.1
40	31	Hampden Grp▲	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
37	30	Hanscom	35	...	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Hoare Govett	1750▲	...	...	1.7	24.7
450	330	Peterbrn Tech	450	...	11.4	3.2	19.4
400	360	-do- 'A'	400	...	11.4	3.6	17.3
286	228	Pipex	286	-3	...	1.7	15.4
245	173	Provalt	245	...	3.6	1.9	25.0
14	7	Sanctific Spect	12½	...	...	...	...
475	417	Wardle Storeys	417	-2	16.0	4.8	16.8
480	365	Wareblume R	455	...	17.0	4.5	16.2
401	333	Yorks Chem	353	...	...	3.7	18.9
308	240	Yule Catto	266	-1	5.9	3.0	15.0
637	393	Zeneca	595	+9	...	3.8	35.1

DRAPERY, STORES

102	59▲	Alexon	62 †	-1	...	6.0	...
87	42	Amber Day	65	...	3.1	6.0	17.8
329½	257	Argos Plc	314	...	...	2.8	26.8
35	12	Ashley Group	15	...	...	4.7	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	102▲	-1½	0.1	0.1	...
505	378	Asprey	480 †	...	5.1	2.2	20.1
134	94	Aspinal Road	130	-1	...	2.6	...
153	125	Bemble (J) 'A'	145	+2	...	5.2	14.6
122	64	Bennills	99	...	7.9	2.4	...
278	208	Betterware	252	...	6.0	2.6	17.3
35	22	Blacks Leis	28	...	2.2	9.5	...
227	153	Body Shop	218	+1	...	1.0	26.1
15½	11½	Brown A Perkin	14½	...	...	0.7	7.1
401	318	Brown (N)	378	...	...	2.3	22.1
67½	64½	Burton	77½	...	...	3.2	...
146	126	Cannon	141	...	...	2.4	18.7
360	285	Church	349	...	12.5	4.5	31.0
183	97	Clinton Cards	165	...	4.2	3.7	17.2
288	212	Coast Wyella	253	-1	...	3.9	22.4
112	78	Colourwide▲	95	...	5.6	6.9	∞
666	334	Combe Portman	666	+2	5.5	1.0	∞
155	115	Crown Eyec▲	152	...	...	5.5	6.4
120	80	Daisy Farm Pnt	110	-10	...	3.1	15.3
79½	54½	Dewhirst (J)	75½	...	1.0	1.7	24.2
281	189	Dimens Grp	203 †	+7	8.1	3.9	...
413	318	Dunhill	340	+2	8.1	3.0	13.2
21	12½	ERA Gp	13	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)▲	520	...	16.0	4.0	17.1
141	71	Essex Farm	140	...	2.5	2.5	23.7
255	203	Etam	253	+1	6.0	2.4	23.2
587	499	Fine Art Dev	586	...	12.7	2.7	19.1
58	36	Fired Earth Tiles	58	...	...	...	...
543	498	Forminster	538	...	12.5	2.9	11.3
108	24	French Conn▲	107	...	...	...	...
68	43	Gent Sit	55	...	2.0	4.5	16.4
39	23	Goldsmiths Gp	35	...	0.3	0.7	...
3600	2600	GUS	3450	...	...	1.5	27.3
1970	1563	-do- 'A'	1940	-25	...	2.9	15.1
40	31	Hampden Grp▲	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
37	30	Hanscom	35	...	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Hoare Govett	1750▲	...	...	1.7	24.7
450	330	Peterbrn Tech	450	...	11.4	3.2	19.4
400	360	-do- 'A'	400	...	11.4	3.6	17.3
286	228	Pipex	286	-3	...	1.7	15.4
245	173	Provalt	245	...	3.6	1.9	25.0
14	7	Sanctific Spect	12½	...	...	...	...
475	417	Wardle Storeys	417	-2	16.0	4.8	16.8
480	365	Wareblume R	455	...	17.0	4.5	16.2
401	333	Yorks Chem	353	...	...	3.7	18.9
308	240	Yule Catto	266	-1	5.9	3.0	15.0
637	393	Zeneca	595	+9	...	3.8	35.1

ELECTRICALS

170½	134	ACT Group	159 †	-1	...	3.9	16.0
240	229	Acala	233	...	...	3.4	∞
1625	38	Acorn Comps▲	87	...	...	...	44.1
480	365	Admiral	440	...	5.4	1.5	18.6
341	194	Alba	141	+1	...	4.4	17.2
48	19½	Alphameric	38	+1	...	...	...
22	12	Amstrad	13	-½	0.4	...	...
128	68	App Holos▲	68	...	...	...	...
57	19	Atlas	37	+3	...	...	...
1040	865	Brooks	1020	+2	10.0	1.2	∞
419	358	Bloomsmoment	414 †	-1	...	2.4	16.9
280	220	Bt Data Pn	265	...	...	2.6	31.1
105	43	Electron House	105	...	...	2.6	3.1
30½	10½	Expan	24½	+1	0.1	0.5	...
598	442	Eurotherm	556	+1	8.0	1.8	25.1
147	108	FKI	140	...	3.0	2.1	∞
420	340	Farnell Elect	420	+1	...	1.8	22.5
24	13	Feedback▲	24	...	...	2.5	9.7
18	9½	Fermanl	10½	-½	...	...	...
226	181	Flost Tech	221	+2	...	...	...
270	81	Forward Gp▲	267	-3	...	1.5	34.1
21	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
543	264	GEC	328	+5	...	3.9	16.7
182	132	Gresley	173	...	...	7.9	36.4
11½	7½	Gregorys▲	8	...	...	...	...
36	16	Hasler▲	36	...	...	4.6	∞
169	85	Hilderex▲	169	...	...	7.1	36.2
169	85	INSTRAD▲	149	...	...	2.6	10.7
368	320	Jones Stroud	368	...	...	8.6	∞
19	9	Kingsley	16½	...	...	2.4	∞
323	280	Kenwood App	301 †	...	...	5.8	2.4	∞
216	47	Kewill Syst	198	-1	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	198	...	...	5.3	3.7	22.5
60	16	Laser Sonics▲	40	...	...	...	...
265	122	Lindex▲	248	+1	...	0.4	...	∞
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	133	Life Sciences	141	...	...	3.5	14.1	15.3
269	164	Logica	241	-3	3.6	1.9	29.4
54½	28	MTM Ind▲	45	...	...	4.2	19.4
235	168	Matsc Norpac	225 †	...	...	0.6	13.8
687½	544½	Misys Equity	655 †	...	...	4.2	16.5
68	46	Misys Non-Vtg	53	...	...	...	...
172	147	Misys	169	+1	...	3.5	14.4
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 42nd Floor, London, W2 6LF, on 28th July 1993 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.

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DATED this 14th July 1993
Robert Holtzberger, Director

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BIDSHIRE LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT UNDER SECTION 425 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
BETWEEN: BIDSHIRE LIMITED (Applicant)
and - ITS GENERAL CREDITORS (Respondents)

NOTICE is hereby given that by an order dated 14th June 1993 the Court has directed a meeting to be convened for the purpose of considering and if thought fit approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the said company and its creditors and that such meeting will be held at 401 St John Street, London, EC1V 4LH on 30th July 1993 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon at which place and at which time the aforesaid creditors are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the meeting can obtain copies of the Scheme of Arrangement, forms of proxy and copies of the statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 426 of the above-mentioned Act at the Registered Office of the company situate at Ironbridge Works, Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire and at the office of the undermentioned solicitors at the address mentioned below during the usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) prior to the day appointed for the said meeting.

The said creditors may vote in person at such meeting or they may appoint another person whether a member of that class of creditors or not as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead. It is requested that forms appointing proxies to be lodged with the Secretary at the Registered Office of the company situate at Ironbridge Works, Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire MK16 8AB not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting but if the forms are not so lodged then they may be handed to the Chairman at the meeting at which they are to be used.

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The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court

Dated the 20th day of July 1993.
CLIFTON INGRAM Solicitors for the company of 22 Broad Street, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 1BA

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL BROKERAGE LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
Dated: 15 July 1993

On 12 July 1993 the administration order was discharged and the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. J F Soden and J G A Phillips of Price Waterhouse, No1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL have been appointed as Joint liquidators.

Creditors of the company are requested to send details in writing of their claims against the company to the liquidators at the above address.

The Liquidators reserve their right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
J F Soden, Joint Liquidator
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THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
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A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the receivers for a copy at the above address.

Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

Dated the 19th day of July 1993
R Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Humber Northern Limited will be held at The Swallow Hotel, Tadcaster Road, York, on the fourth day of August 1993 at 10.00 in the morning. The receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.

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R Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver

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Malcolm Cohen, Liquidator

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ACCOUNTANCY

Corporate governance the key to reversing industrial decline

Allen Sykes identifies an urgent need for committed shareholders and accountable managements

A leaked report for the Department of Trade and Industry showed British manufacturing in a poor state, with allegedly little chance of being competitive for decades.

The trade balance in manufacturing is in huge deficit. The hitherto favourable trade balance on invisibles, the largest in the world in the mid-1980s, has been forecast by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to slip into deficit this year or next, a double trade deterioration unique in peacetime. We must raise manufacturing efficiency significantly and soon, or accept a decline in living standards.

The DTI list of causes for decline is long and largely familiar. They include short-termism resulting in inadequate investment in research, development and plant. One of the main reasons for this short-termism is the malaise in our system of corporate governance, the relationships between investment institutions, investors, directors and management.

There are no generally successful systems of corporate governance without committed and knowledgeable long-term shareholders, managements with the preconditions and incentives for long-term performance, and, with such managements, properly accountable to the shareholders.

These characteristics were present in Britain and American capitalism in our heydays, and are present in our most successful West European and Pacific Rim rivals today. It is no coincidence that these countries have successful, internationally competitive manufacturing industries.

Britain suffers from three main corporate governance weaknesses: absentee owners, the wrong-headed terms on which investment institutions employ fund managers, and counter-productive remuneration and incentives of senior management. All three promote short-termism and arise from the passivity of investment institutions.

Regrettably, the report of the Cadbury committee failed to address these issues even though its opening paragraph stated that the effectiveness with which boards discharge their responsibilities "determines Britain's competitive position". Implementing its code will improve the corporate governance practices of all but the best British companies but do little to promote international competitiveness.

The serious power vacuum in British corporate governance arises because the ownership function largely goes by default. Individual shareholders, owning a fifth of shares, are, in practice, powerless. The investment institutions, controlling 70 per cent, could exercise an important ownership role, but typically take little or no part save in a crisis or takeover bid.

In particular, they seldom attempt to appoint non-executive directors. Yet such directors cannot be truly independent if they continue to be appointed by the very chairmen/chief executives they are meant to hold accountable on behalf of shareholders.

Investment institutions are in fierce competition to attract and retain funds. Hence they wish to maintain the freedom to change shareholdings at short notice. When difficulties arise, their usual wish is to sell out or at least reduce their holding, but not to seek beneficial change.

The undesirably short terms on which pension funds and charities employ fund management companies, typically 18 months to two years, finds no mention in the Cadbury report, nor the resulting short-termism. Fund managers, on behalf of institutions holding long-term funds, must impress over two years or less. They, in turn, press companies for high dividend payouts and higher share prices over equally short periods, resulting in short-term remuneration incentives, and much lower research, development and capital expenditures than our main overseas rivals.

This is the mechanism that institutionalises short-termism in our system, greatly handicapping our long-term international competitiveness. It also explains our low long-term return on capital. The conclusion is inescapable. The investment institutions are not discharging their responsibilities in the best interests of those providing the underlying long-term funds. Nor can they do so until they address the ownership vacuum, the fundamental corporate governance weakness.

The Cadbury report's remuneration proposals are confined to the essential but limited task of preventing executive directors, particularly chairmen and chief executives, from determining their own pay. No consideration is given to the importance of providing long-term performance incentives to counterbalance the seriously disabling short-term pressures. Once the three main corporate governance weaknesses ignored by the report are identified and accepted, the broad outlines of acceptable solutions are apparent. Investment institutions are reluctant to become direct, active owners, and, by temperament and experience, their managements are unsuited to the role. Their remedy must be to procure competently the ownership function.

> No consideration is given to long-term incentives to counterbalance the disabling short-term pressures

The easiest solution would involve the leading, say 60, investment institutions each taking an active involvement in no more than eight of the top 100 companies. For each company, each of at least three and up to five institutions would find a suitable businessman as a non-executive "shareholder director" to look after the special interests of all shareholders. Their functions would be twofold. They would carry out monitoring/control tasks, such as audit and remuneration committees, as envisaged in the McFarlane report on the future of auditing. They would also negotiate, for general shareholder approval, five-year performance related remuneration schemes.

Executive directors would then have incentive packages similar to those employed so successfully in management buyouts and other venture capital schemes. Under such schemes, in return for accepting directors appointed by the shareholders, and investing and thus risking a year's salary, they would would get ten to 12 times that amount for meeting the five-year targets, and much more for exceptional performance.

Those institutions providing directors for a particular company would normally stay invested for the five years and between them hold, say, 15 to 20 per cent of the shares, or about half that in the biggest companies. That would be enough for influence but not dominance. This scheme would give managements the incentives and preconditions of stability and adequate capital for long-term performance and hold them truly accountable to owners. Investment institutions such as pension funds should then give their outside fund managers contracts for four or five years with appropriate safeguards, but would have almost unchanged investment freedom, make all big companies responsive to shareholder needs and, most importantly, achieve significantly higher long-term returns from better performing companies.

The second broad approach would be to create sophisticated investment management intermediaries, rather like specialised investment trusts or American "relationship owners", whose shares would be held mainly by the investment institutions. In this case, each intermediary would own up to 20 per cent of, say, five to ten companies. They would appoint, say, three shareholder directors and negotiate five-year performance plans with executive directors, for general shareholder approval. These investment intermediaries (some might be existing fund managers specialising in selected industries) would attract high-quality managers and top investment analysts.

Such schemes, by aligning the long-term interests of owners and managements and addressing present weaknesses, could give Britain an internationally competitive system of corporate governance, and the truly independent non-executive directors Cadbury rightly sees as essential.

The well-intentioned, less ambitious, Cadbury rules can only marginally ease Britain's long-established, relative economic decline. Unless the investment institutions provide, or more realistically procure, knowledgeable, committed long-term ownership to discharge the proprietorial role, then British industry, particularly the key manufacturing sector, will remain severely handicapped in its attempts to become internationally competitive.

The author is non-executive director of several companies and a former managing director of Consolidated Gold Fields

Finance directors lag behind again

SOMEONE is out of step. But it is quite hard to judge who. This week saw the publication of further research, which shows that institutional shareholders are heeding and enthusiastically supporting the Cadbury initiatives over taking a more active part in influencing the companies they own. Yet, at the same time, the accountancy bodies were bounced into postponing their contribution to the Cadbury code because a number of finance directors had said they were confused with so much information and regulation.

This type of argument should be straightforward to assess. The people who benefit from the Cadbury code of conduct, the shareholders and owners of companies, are happy. The people who are going to have to pull their socks up, the directors, are not. It probably comes down to culture. Directors are used to flattery. The implementation of the Cadbury code has been long on logic but possibly short on salesmanship. But it has been effective when you look at the response of those people who most stand to benefit.

The survey from the institutional shareholders' committee shows this clearly. After years of what could charitably be described as benign neglect, institutional shareholders are starting to use their clout, not just behind the scenes as recent events at Spring Ram and Owners Abroad have shown, but also up front. They have started wielding their votes. The ISC surveyed 20 big companies with annual meetings in April and May this year, and asked them for details of the extent to which their main institutional shareholders had used their votes. The results are, for a usually sleepy area of the shareholders' register, quite startling. The companies involved included Guinness, Abbey National, Inchcape, Pearson, Unilever and Vickers. Each was asked to watch the behaviour of its 20 largest single institutional holdings and report, not on which way they voted, but whether they voted at all.

The last time anyone attempted a survey in this area was in 1991. Although detailed comparisons are not possible, the conclusions at that point were that "on average the total proxy vote received by companies amounts to about 20 per cent of the total shareholding".

This year, taking the 20 largest holdings, the figure averages 50 per cent, and when you split it between different types of institution, the rise is even more marked. On average, 70 per cent of the insurance-related holdings were voted compared with 44 per cent of the pension-related holdings. For Julian Potter, the ISC's secretary-general, the explanation is clear: "Cadbury must have played a large part. The climate seems to be that institutions should exercise voting rights."

The trend towards the owners of companies flexing their muscles would possibly have been even more striking if fund managers were to take more action. "The voting level of nominee holdings," the survey said, "was only 18 per cent and if more nominees were to vote, there would be a substantial increase in the overall level of voting." Traditionally, fund managers are reluctant to go through what they see as the laborious procedure of sorting out the voting within nominee holdings. But these holdings are often among the largest in a company. For example, the survey report notes: "A nominee has the largest single holding in Vickers and 40 per cent of it is attributable to investment trusts. None of it was voted. Barings is the nominee with the third largest single holding in Booker. It includes 53 pension-related components. None of it was voted."

All of this suggests that a fine head of steam is building up behind the whole concept of the Cadbury code of conduct. As the Cadbury report puts it: "The obligation on companies to state how far they comply with the code provides institutional and individual shareholders with a ready-made agenda for their representations to boards. It is up to them to put it to good use." It looks as though that is starting.

At the same time, the accountancy profession is reneging on another section of the Cadbury recommendations. The Cadbury report asked the profession to produce guidance on the areas of interim reporting, internal control and going concern. Once the guidance was available, it would be enforced via the Cadbury code and, in the case of internal control, legislation would be proposed and urged. All was going well. The first thoughts on the directors' obligation to assure shareholders that their company was a going concern were published some time ago. Guidance on internal controls had been through 17 drafts and was at the printers. Then the voice of finance directors was heard in the land. It was a shrill voice and it said that it was outrageous that so much regulation was arriving on finance directors' desks and, furthermore, arriving from several different sources.

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It was ever thus. Any change, particularly when it emphasises what you should have been doing all along, is fought tooth and nail. In the past, the financial reporting world has been seriously weakened by the lack of any real power with which to redress the balance. This time, it was expected to be different. The Cadbury code has immense public support from government through the City to shareholders. This time, when the whingeing started, it would be different.

Sadly it is not. The profession, pusillanimous to the last, had postponed publication of the internal control guidance. It could have simply published it as planned and extended the period for discussion. But no. Even though virtually everyone in the financial reporting community appears to already have a copy, the profession has bowed to the whims of the finance directors.

What it should have done is to have acknowledged that it has not done enough to sell the ideas to finance directors first. Then it should have stood firm.

Litigation clients must be told what claims are really worth

BY RICHARD BOULTON AND CHRIS OSBORNE

The Law Courts: litigation is big business for accountancy firms, as well as lawyers

THE costs and uncertainties of commercial litigation are becoming a burden on companies. Some 95 per cent of cases are settled out of court but are generally settled much too late, often at the door of the court. Cynics may blame lawyers for delaying settlements to maximise fees. But often, accountants are to blame for failing to provide clients with objective advice on the value of claims.

Advising clients on, say, lost profits, requires in-depth industry analysis. Often, the calculation is superficial. A transport company recently claimed for lost profits when a supplier failed to deliver a cargo vessel to agreed specifications. The plaintiff's calculation was founded on the premise that more vessels meant more cargo carried and more profits.

Analysis of cargo volumes showed, however, that there was not enough market demand to support the additional vessel. If the vessel had been delivered, revenues would have stayed broadly constant, but costs would have increased substantially. Far from losing money, the company benefited from the defendant's breach of contract, as the plaintiff finally agreed.

This example illustrates the accountant's role in litigation. Assisting lawyers in assessing damages in commercial disputes has become big business for many accountancy firms. Growth in UK commercial litigation can be seen in accountancy firms as much as in legal practices.

Next to insolvency, litigation is probably the fastest-growing area for many of the larger accountancy practices, which may have more people working on litigation services than a big law firm. Whether they call it forensic accounting, expert witness or litigation support, accountants are doing far more of it than they were a few years ago. In part, this reflects cases' increasing size and complexity. Claims for more than £100 million, once rare, are reported regularly. But more companies also realise that they need to assess the true value of claims before committing big money to legal actions. In litigation, as in business generally, companies need to understand the potential return on their investment.

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Traditional approaches to calculating damages are no longer adequate. Courts are increasingly unwilling to accept that damage suffered can be calculated as the difference between actual and budgeted results — even when liability has been established.

To assess damage suffered by a company, the business must be understood first as it actually is, and second as it would have been in the absence of the act giving rise to the claim. The difference must be properly tied to the cause of the claim. Unless this link is identified, the claim is unlikely to be balanced or convincing.

This point is important, because most cases are settled out of court, many for only a fraction of what was originally claimed. Most often, settlement values could have been predicted, and achieved, much earlier in the process. A one-sided assessment of damages only prolongs disputes by keeping the parties apart. This cannot be in their interests.

Unfortunately, superficially plausible claims are often made that cannot stand up to even the most basic analysis of market or industry trends. The case of the below-specification ship illustrates this.

In a claim for lost production resulting from defective machinery, technical experts may conclude production should have been twice actual volumes. But this begs questions, often unasked, such as whether the business could have handled the additional volume, sold more without cutting prices or paid more costly overtime. Alternatively, might increasing volumes have driven down unit costs or enabled the company to sell more of other, linked, products? The final answer on damages may be very different from the starting point.

To establish the case on damages it must be proven that the calculated loss resulted from the act giving rise to the claim. The accountant's role is to establish the link between the factors driving income and costs and their impact on profits, values or cash flow.

Weaknesses in expert reports generally result from failure to consider such linkages. They are usually easy to spot, but often the chance to identify them comes too late, for example at the exchange of expert reports, or even at trial. So be objective, and tell your clients what their claims are really worth.

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Bacchus set for showdown

MALCOLM Bacchus, newly-appointed chairman of the London Society of Chartered Accountants, is bracing himself for a confrontation with Peter Brooke, secretary of state for national heritage and MP for City of London and Westminster South, at a reception in London next week. Bacchus, a senior consultant with BDO Binder Hamlyn, plans to harangue Brooke and other MPs over the burdens placed on British business. He will highlight examples of unnecessary business bureaucracy to support the view that British businesses cannot compete on equal terms with their European counterparts. He will also press for a further relaxation of the small company audit requirement, outline the "detrimental" effect of automatic tax penalties on small businesses and question the government's proposals on late payment of bills. Sounds like a full agenda.

Hobson's choice

HOBSON Audley, the City law firm, has launched a range of capped price services to help receivers, liquidators and banks limit the cost of insolvency and receivership. The small company insolvency package caps the firm's fees in line with the realisable value of the business for non-contentious legal services in small company receiverships. It covers advice on the validity of a receiver's appointment, single transaction disposal of the business or property of the company in receivership, and up to ten hours of advice. More from Hobson Audley on 071-258 2299.

Time-wasters

CAREFUL with those phone calls ... Robert Half, the recruitment agency, has identified unnecessary calls as the greatest waste of office time. In another of its surveys, the company discovered that 29 per cent of managers put unnecessary phone calls top of the list, with poor communications between staff and managers a close second. Naturally, it was other people's calls they object to. Meetings are also considered a waste of time, together with time wasted through poor organisation. Office politics was considered a time wasting issue by 3 per cent of respondents, closely followed by gossiping and shuffling unnecessary paperwork. Even the making of tea and coffee was singled out.

KPMG Peat Marwick has signed up Sir Robert Calderwood, former chief executive of Strathclyde Regional Council, as an adviser to its local government team. Sir Robert, 61, is a past director of the European Summer Olympic Games, so perhaps he will have a tip or two for KPMG Peat Marwick in its fight to help Manchester host the 2000 Olympic games.

Flying high

HATS off to Zoe Frame, a senior accountancy tutor with the Financial Training Company, who has reached the final 20 of the annual High Flyer of the Year Award, co-sponsored by Arthur Andersen and *Cosmopolitan* magazine. Not only is she the only accountant out of more than 200 women entrants to get this far, but already has a weekend visit to the European Institute of Business Administration (Insead) at Fontainebleau under her belt to show for her initiative. Frame hopes to win a place on the intensive ten-month MBA course at Insead, beginning in January. Andersen will pay fees and expenses worth about £23,000.

For tax buffs

TAX enthusiasts are signing up for a two-day residential conference in Solihull in September, which will cover everything from pay and file to recent barristers' opinions. Peter Rayney, of Moores Rowland, who has devised the conference in association with Accountancy Courses & Conferences, promises to cram a week's worth of information into 12 concentrated sessions leaning towards the practical. Anyone who signs up by the end of this month pays £545 plus VAT; thereafter it costs £575. More from Accountancy Courses & Conferences on 071-920 8800.

JON ASHWORTH

Failure to declare is misrepresentation

Jones v Chief Adjudication Officer
Sharples v Same

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Evans

[Judgment July 1]

Failure to declare receipt of income support when claiming unemployment benefit constituted a "misrepresentation" within section 53 of the Social Security Act 1986.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, so held by a majority (Lord Justice Evans dissenting) in dismissing an appeal by Mr Morris Jones, of Cross Lane, Royston, Barnsley, from the dismissal by a social security commissioner of his appeal against a decision of the Barnsley social security tribunal that an overpayment of income support made to Mr Jones was recoverable.

The court allowed a similar appeal by Mr Mark Wayne Sharples, of Knowle Drive, Exwick, Exeter.

Mr Mark Rowland for Mr Jones: Mr Richard Drabble for Mr Sharples: Mr Richard McManus for the Chief Adjudication Officer.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that in each case the Department of Health and Social Security sought to recover amounts of social security benefit paid to the appellants in excess of their legal entitlement. It was not disputed that there was an overpayment.

Mr Jones received income support from December 20, 1988 until October 2, 1989 without deducting the amount of unemployment benefit which he also received from the Department of Employment during that period, totalling £2,244.57.

Mr Sharples received supplementary benefit totalling £3,486.20 from August 29, 1987 until February 12, 1988 which, by reason of certain insurance policies which his girlfriend had inherited from her late father, he was not entitled to receive.

The secretary of state's right to recover the amount of any overpayment was governed by section 53 of the Social Security Act 1986:

"(1) Where it is determined that, whether fraudulently or otherwise, any person has misrepresented, or failed to disclose, any material fact and in consequence of the misrepresentation or failure — (a) a payment has been made in respect of a benefit to which this section applies; ... the secretary of state shall be entitled to recover the amount of any payment which he would not have made ... but for the misrepresentation or failure to disclose."

The department's claims were allowed by adjudication officers and upheld by the Social Security Appeal Tribunal. Each appellant appealed to a social security commissioner who dismissed the appeal.

Mr Sharples' appeal depended on the construction of the application form, Form B1, which he completed on August 26, 1987 and on two later dates.

Mr Jones' case, however, was more complicated. It was not suggested that he either made any misrepresentation or failed to disclose any material fact when he completed Form B1. The department relied on the declaration which he made when receiving weekly payments of benefit from the Post Office on the standard form of pension or allowance order book: "I declare that I have read and understand all the instructions in this book, that I have correctly reported any facts which could affect the amount of my payment and that I am entitled to the above sum."

Mr Rowland was correct to draw attention to the fact that the secretary of state's right to recover payments of benefit was limited to cases where there had been a misrepresentation of, or failure to disclose a material fact and where the payment was made "in consequence of" the misrepresentation or failure.

It was therefore clear that there was no statutory right of recovery in other cases and that the mere receipt of benefit to which the recipient was not entitled did not give rise to any statutory obligation to repay.

It was established law that the words "whether fraudulently or otherwise" meant that the section covered cases of innocent as well as fraudulent misrepresentation and of non-disclosure. That meant that, when a person had misrepresented a material fact, his knowledge of that fact was irrelevant so far as section 53 was concerned. It was sufficient that there was misrepresentation, whether known to him or not.

But knowledge was not irrelevant in the case of non-disclosure. That was because of the equally well established rule that a person could not be held liable for failing to disclose what he did know: see *R v Medical Appeal Tribunal (North Midland Region), Ex parte Hubble* ([1958] 2 QB 228, 242).

It followed that the secretary of state's right to recover payments under section 53 was easier to establish when he alleged a misrepresentation rather than a failure to disclose a material fact.

Mr Jones' case

Mr Jones worked for the National Coal Board for 15 years. After a period of unemployment, he commenced a part-time job but that ceased on December 2, 1988. He was in receipt of income support. On December 5, 1988 he went to an unemployment benefit office and made a further claim for unemployment benefit. He was given Form B1. He stated that he had claimed unemployment benefit but had not received any. He took the form to the DHSS office on the same day.

He received his first Girocheque for unemployment benefit from the Department of Employment on December 13. On December 21 he received a new order book in respect of income support from the DHSS. Thereafter he received unemployment benefit weekly from the DOE and he claimed income support weekly from the DHSS.

That continued until October 1989, when it was discovered that the amount of income support had been wrongly calculated. It should have been reduced to take account of the unemployment benefit which he had received. The mistake would not have occurred if the DHSS had in the normal way notified the amount of income support to the DOE.

It was not suggested that Mr Jones knowingly either misrepresented or failed to disclose the fact that he was receiving unemployment benefit at any stage. On any analysis the case was one of non-disclosure.

But the claim was put on the basis of misrepresentation, no doubt so that the department could assert that innocent misrepresentation was enough and all questions of knowledge and belief were irrelevant. The weekly declaration made when each page of the order book was signed contained, it was said, a misrepresentation of a material fact or facts.

As Mr Rowland correctly submitted, "material" in section 53 meant relevant to the calculation of benefit and therefore was limited to factors which affected the amount of benefit which the claimant was entitled to receive. Whether or not he had reported the material facts was not itself material in that sense. The calculation of benefit was not affected by the fact of non-disclosure.

His Lordship would allow the appeal.

Mr Sharples' case

Section 5 of Form B1 included the question: "Do you or your partner or dependent children have any life insurances or endowment policies?" Mr Sharples answered "No".

Section 12 of the form contained the declaration: "As far as I know, the information on this form is true and complete."

It was common ground that the answer to the section 5 question was incorrect, but that Mr Sharples had not been aware of the policies which his girlfriend had inherited from her father. Therefore, his declaration was true. The commissioner, however, held that there was a misrepresentation each time the form was completed.

In his Lordship's judgment, without the signature, for which section 12 provided space, the form was incomplete, and if that signature was qualified, as it was, then it was qualified in relation to section 12 as well as the rest of the form.

The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, agreeing in the *Sharples* case, said that he had not found the point in the *Jones* case easy.

It was common ground that the receipt of unemployment benefit affected the amount of income support payable. It was also common ground that Mr Jones had not reported the fact that he had received unemployment benefit, as opposed to the fact that he had claimed it.

As Mr McManus pointed out, not everyone who claimed unemployment benefit received it: there might be many reasons why upon enquiry the DOE decided the claimant was ineligible.

There could not be a non-disclosure of a fact which was unknown to the claimant. But Mr Jones knew that he was in receipt of unemployment benefit: he must have known that that affected the amount of income support to which he was entitled and any reasonable man who had read the instructions in the book which he said he had would know that. It seemed plain that there was a failure to disclose a material fact.

Mr Rowland submitted that the declaration was not a representation of a material fact: that a material fact was one that affected the entitlement to, or amount of the benefit; and that the material fact in the present case was the receipt of unemployment benefit and not the fact that its receipt had not been reported.

There were two answers to that submission:

First, on the facts, the declaration could properly be expanded to read: "I have correctly reported any facts known to me which could affect the amount of any payment, including the fact that I have received unemployment benefit."

Second, the statement: "I have correctly reported any facts which could affect the amount of my benefit" was itself a statement of fact, and a material fact since unless the statement was true the claimant was not entitled to the amount of benefit claimed.

In the absence of the declaration the department could only rely on a non-disclosure of a material fact. Where the declaration was signed such non-disclosure was equally a misrepresentation and it was immaterial whether the secretary of state claimed to be entitled to recover the sum overpaid by reason of a misrepresentation or failure to disclose, provided the latter was established.

In his Lordship's view it was and he would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Dillon delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Stuart-Smith.

Solicitors: Raleys, Barnsley; Cartridges, Exeter; Solicitor, DSS.

Power to grant legal aid after revocation

Regina v Liverpool Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Pender

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Leonard

[Judgment July 20]

A defendant whose legal aid order had been revoked for non-payment of contributions could re-apply for legal aid at a remand hearing in a magistrates' court under regulation 10 of the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) Regulations (SI 1989 No 344).

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing Kevin Michael Pender's application for a writ of *certiorari* quashing the decision of Mr Tapp, Liverpool Stipendiary Magistrate, on January 5, 1993 that he had no power under regulation 10 of the 1989 Regulations to grant him legal aid following the revocation of his original certificate for failure to pay his contributions.

In 1992, following the revocation of his legal aid order, the clerk to the justices had refused to entertain a fresh application for legal aid under regulation 11. The applicant applied for judicial review.

In *R v Liverpool Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate and Another, Ex parte Shackleady* (*The Times* December 28, 1992; [1993] 1 WLR 1148) the Divisional Court (Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Tudor Evans) had held that the clerk to the justices could not entertain a fresh application under regulation 11. However, Lord Justice Beldam said that the applicant, who also appeared in that case, could still apply for legal aid under regulation 10.

When the applicant subsequently before magistrates for mode of trial to be determined, an application under regulation 10 for legal aid was refused.

Regulation 10 of the 1989 Regulations provides: "Subject to the provisions of section 21(2), (3) and (5) of the Act and to regulation 23, nothing in Part II or in regulation 36 shall affect the power of a court, a judge of the court or of the registrar to make a legal aid order, whether an application has been made for legal aid or not, or the right of an applicant whose application has been refused or whose legal aid order has been revoked under section 24(2) to apply to the court at trial or in other proceedings."

Mr Andrew Nicol for the applicant; Mr Ian Burnett for the stipendiary magistrate.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that it was quite clear that the court dealing with the applicant's first application for judicial review had entertained no doubt that the magistrate could entertain a fresh application for legal aid in proceedings prior to trial, notwithstanding the fact that the previous order had been revoked.

A contrary view could be said to have been expressed in *R v Macclesfield Justices, Ex parte Greenhalgh* ((1979) 144 JP 142) and *R v City of Cambridge Justices, Ex parte Leader* ((1979) 144 JP 148). Those two cases had caused a footnote in *Stone's Justices' Manual 1992* (124th edition vol 1 para 1-5439) to the effect that "other proceedings" in regulation 10 of the 1989 Regulations applied only to proceedings after trial.

The magistrate in the instant case had read those cases and had come to the clear conclusion that he had no power to deal with the application as there were no "other proceedings" before him.

An argument had been raised as to whether regulation 10 could properly be said to refer to proceedings in the magistrates' court at all. His Lordship was under no doubt that the word "court" in the regulation embraced magistrates' courts. Regulation 10 was to be regarded, as the heading stated, as a general power to be resorted to by applicants who had been refused legal aid by justices or whose orders had been revoked.

The question was whether the proceedings before the magistrate had been "other proceedings" for the purposes of regulation 10. His Lordship had reached the clear conclusion that in regarding the provisions of regulation 10 it would be straining the language beyond endurance to conclude that "other proceedings" referred to proceedings only after trial, whether in the magistrates' court or the crown court.

To deny that "other proceedings" referred to pre-trial matters was to strip away, from the general power intended by Parliament, vital proceedings defendants had to take part in and be represented at. That would be unjust and would go against the purpose of granting legal aid.

Mr Justice Leonard agreed.

Solicitors: R. M. Broudie & Co, Liverpool; Treasury Solicitor.

No costs appeal

Regina v Canterbury Crown Court, Ex parte Kent County Council

There was no free-standing right of appeal against a costs order within the statutory framework in magistrates' courts, and the appeal provisions of section 85 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 did not allow for an appeal against the magistrates' decision on costs.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Macpherson) so held on June 16 in refusing an application by Kent County Council for judicial review of the decisions of Canterbury Crown Court in September 8, 1992 that it was entitled to determine that it had jurisdiction to hear an appeal against a costs decision of Sittingbourne Justices of March 23, 1992 made under section 64 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 in civil proceedings brought under section 16 of the 1974 Act by the county council against Wakely Brothers Ltd, and, having decided that it was so entitled, that the terms of settlement of the proceedings before Sittingbourne Justices had ousted the jurisdiction of the crown court to hear the appeal.

Disclaimer

In *Jones v Zahedi* (*The Times* July 12) Humphreys & Co, Bristol ask us to point out that they appeared only on appeal for Mr Zahedi and not at first instance.

Draft local plan is relevant

Kissel v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

An emerging consultative draft local plan was a material consideration for the purposes of section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and was therefore one which the inspector had to take into consideration.

Sir Graham Eyre, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on June 29 when granting an application under section 78 of the 1990 Act by Anne Jennifer Kissel to quash the dismissal of the Secretary of State for the Environment on July 6, 1992 of an appeal against a planning inspector's decision not to grant planning permission after Cotswold District Council had refused consent for a change of use from residential/bed and breakfast to office accommodation.

HIS LORDSHIP said that emerging policies were contained in a draft local plan which had been approved for consultation in May 1992.

Notwithstanding that the emerging consultative draft was at the earliest stage, it was capable as a matter of law of being a material consideration.

In the circumstances, the inspector should have recognised the existence of the draft plan and have indicated the extent to which it had influenced his decision.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

No VAT discount in card payment

SA Chaussures Bally v Ministry of Finance, Belgium
Case C-18/92

Before C. N. Kakouris, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges G. F. Mancini, F. A. Schockweiler, M. Déz de Velasco and P. J. G. Kapteyn

Advocate General C. Gulmann

(Opinion March 3)

[Judgment May 25]

The means of payment used in a transaction between purchaser and supplier could not change the taxable amount for value-added tax purposes.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to questions submitted to it by the *Tribunal de Première Instance* [Court of First Instance], Brussels (Tenth Chamber) for a preliminary ruling on the interpretation of the Sixth Council Directive No 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of member states relating to turnover taxes: common system of value added tax; uniform basis of assessment (OJ L145 June 13, 1977, p1).

Bally, which sold shoes bearing the same brand name, was paid by its customers in cash, by cheque or by credit card. For the latter purpose Bally had agreed with various credit card issuers that where a customer holding a credit card purchased goods by the means of that card, the card issuer would refund the supplier of the goods their cost after having retained a commission, generally of about 5 per cent. on payments.

Bally, which was a taxable person for VAT purposes in accordance with article 4 of the Belgian VAT code, had doubts as to whether it should pay the tax on the net amount which it received from the issuers of the cards, after deduction of their commission, or on the gross amount, that is to say the price of the goods before deduction of that commission.

However, Bally had always paid VAT on the net amount until 1988 when, following a tax investigation relating to the previous years going back to 1984, the tax inspector, having carried out an assessment for the years 1984 to 1987, decided that commission was not deductible from the price for the purpose of calculating the taxable amount and required Bally to pay an additional sum of BFr2,206,000 covering the VAT, a tax penalty and interest.

Bally having paid that amount under protest and having paid VAT on the gross amount from 1989 onwards brought proceedings before the *Tribunal de Première Instance*, Brussels, claiming the reimbursement of the sums which, in its opinion, had been illegally charged in calculating the VAT as well as damages and interest.

The Brussels court, taking the view that the case depended upon the interpretation of the Sixth Directive, stayed its proceedings and submitted two questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice ruled as follows:

By its first question the Belgian court raised the problem of whether article 11A(1)(a) of the Sixth Directive was to be interpreted as meaning that when, in the context of a sale, the price of goods was paid by the purchaser of a credit card and paid to the supplier by the issuer of the card after deduction of a commission to cover the provision of a service, commission was to be included in the basis of assessment of the tax which the supplier had to repay to the tax authorities.

According to article 11A(1)(a) of the Sixth Directive, the taxable amount within the country for the supply of goods was everything which constituted the consideration which had been obtained or was to be contained by the supplier from the purchaser, the customer or a third party. The purpose of that provision, as was apparent from the ninth recital in the preamble to the Sixth Directive, was to harmonise the taxable base.

Bally observed that in the case of payment by credit card the consideration which determined the taxable amount should compromise the net amount actually received by the supplier, after deduction of the commission withheld by the issuer of the card since otherwise the supplier, who received a sum less than the total of the price, would thereby be unnecessarily bearing the consequences of the VAT exemption granted in Belgium to issuers of cards.

That argument could not be accepted. The harmonisation envisaged by article 11A(1)(a) could not achieve its objectives where the taxable amount varied according to whether VAT was calculated with reference to the amount borne by the final consumer or by determining the amount to be paid over to the tax authorities by the chargeable person.

If followed that where the supplier calculated the VAT to be paid by the purchaser on the basis of the total price, with a view to levying it on behalf of the tax authorities, that was the taxable amount which was to be taken into consideration in order to determine the corresponding amount of VAT which the supplier was to hand over to the tax authorities.

The fact that the purchaser did not pay the price agreed directly to the supplier but paid by the intermediary of the issuer of the card, who retained a percentage based on the price could not change the taxable amount.

That deduction carried out by the issuer of the card constituted the consideration for the service which it offered to the supplier. That service was a separate transaction with regard to which the purchaser of the goods was a third party.

It was to be added that the means of payment used in relations between purchaser and supplier could not change the taxable amount.

The premiss upon which the second question was based was contrary to the findings of the national court on the basis of which it had submitted the first question. In those circumstances it was not necessary to reply to the second question.

On those grounds the European Court (Sixth Chamber) ruled:

Article 11A(1)(a) of the Sixth Directive was to be interpreted as meaning that where, in the context of a sale, the price of goods was paid by the purchaser by means of a credit card and provided to the supplier by the issuer of the card, after deduction of a percentage as commission for the provision of the services of the latter to the supplier of the goods, that deduction was to be included in the taxable amount for the calculation of the tax which the taxable supplier was to pay to the tax authorities.

Dividends outside tax calculation

Satam SA v Minister responsible for the Budget
Case C-333/91

Before O.Due, President and Judges M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de Almeido, and F. Grévisse

Advocate General W. Van Gerven

(Opinion January 20)

[Judgment June 20]

Dividends arising from the holding of shares fell outside the system of deductions for value-added tax purposes and were not to be taken into account in calculating the deductible proportion under articles 17 and 19 of the Sixth Directive.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to a question submitted to it by the *Conseil d'Etat* (State Council) of the French Republic (Judicial Section, consisting jointly of the seventh, eighth, and ninths sub-sections) for a preliminary ruling pursuant to article 177 of the EEC Treaty, on the interpretation of article 19 of the Sixth Council Directive of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes: common system of value-added tax: uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L145 p1).

Satam, a holding company, had deducted from the VAT which it had to bear, the whole of the amount of tax which, during the same taxable period, had been levied upon its purchases of goods and services.

Having found that the amounts received by Satam included, on the one hand, various goods and services subject to VAT and, on the other hand, dividends which were not subject to that tax, the French authorities took the view that, in accordance with the general code of taxes, tax which had been charged on goods and services acquired by the company should only have been deducted by the latter to the extent of the proportion between the amount of the income subject to VAT and its total annual income, including dividends which it had received.

The French administration therefore claimed from Satam an additional payment of VAT arising from the reduction of its claim for a rebate.

Satam opposed that reduction on the ground that dividends should not be taken into account in calculating the deductible proportion and that, in the alternative, the provisions of the general code of taxation were not compatible with those of article 19 of the Sixth Directive which the national code should have implemented in national law.

Article 19(1) provided: "The proportion deductible ... shall be made up of a fraction having: — as numerator, the total amount, exclusive of value-added tax, of turnover per year attributable to transactions in respect of which value added tax is deductible ... [and] — as denominator, the total amount, exclusive of value-added tax, of turnover per year attributable to transactions included in the numerator and to transactions in respect of which value-added tax is not deductible."

The *Conseil d'Etat*, on the ground that the proceedings before it raised problems of interpretation of the Sixth Directive stayed its proceedings and referred a question to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling pursuant to article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

In order to deal with the question submitted it was necessary to recall the characteristics and the purpose of the system of VAT with regard to the system of deductions and the definition of a taxable person which were relevant to the national proceedings.

It was well established that the deduction system was meant to relieve the trader entirely of the burden of VAT payable or paid in the course of all his economic activities. The common system of VAT consequently ensured that all economic activities, whatever their purpose or results, provided that they were themselves subject to VAT, were taxed in a wholly neutral way.

It followed from the system of deduction, as laid down in articles 17 to 20 of the Sixth Directive, that the right of deduction was to be applied in such a way that its application corresponded, so far as possible, to the field of activity of the taxpayer.

In that regard it was necessary to recall that a holding company whose sole purpose was acquire holdings in other undertakings, without involving itself directly or indirectly in the management of those undertakings, without prejudice to its rights as a shareholder, did not have the status of a taxable person for the purposes of VAT and therefore had no right to deduct tax under article 17 of the Sixth Directive: see Case C-60/90 *Polysar Investments Netherlands* (*The Times* October 3, 1991; [1991] ECR I 3111).

That conclusion was based, in particular, on the finding that a simple holding of shares in other undertakings did not constitute an economic activity within the meaning of the Sixth Directive.

Since it did not amount to the consideration for any economic activity, within the meaning of the Sixth Directive, the receipt of dividends was not within the scope of VAT. Consequently dividends arising from the holding of shares fell outside the scheme of deductions.

It followed that, at risk of compromising the strict neutrality guaranteed by the common system of VAT, dividends were to be excluded from the calculation of the fraction referred to in articles 17 and 19 of the Sixth Directive.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

Article 19(1) of the Sixth Directive was to be interpreted as meaning that dividends on shares, received by an undertaking which was not subject to VAT for all its transactions, were excluded from the denominator of the fraction for the purposes of calculating the deductible proportion.

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Why are 173 Romanians being flown to Kent for a single performance of Verdi's Nabucco?

Take your partners, for granted

Geoff Brown finds this week's new films are no match for a Disney classic

Wicked uncle on the prowl: "L'Elégant" (Philippe Noiret) dances with a woman (Judith Godreche) he meets while pursuing his nephew's unfaithful wife, in *Tango*

One week after cinemas all went Jurassic, Hollywood's other big summer releases are in hiding. Not a superstar stirs. No digitally animated special effect jumps out and says "Boo!" No skyscraper crashes, no terrorist rampages: it is so quiet that even Bambi has ventured from his thicket to sniff the air.

Apart from the revival of Walt Disney's cartoon (of which more later), you could try whiling away the lull dancing to **Tango**. But do not expect to be swept off your feet: Patrice Leconte's film is tedious and unpleasant enough to lose him the friends he won with the sleek, chic *Monsieur Hire* and *The Hairdresser's Husband*.

Those films were tightly controlled, quirky, studio-based dramas about one man's sexual obsessions. This is a raucous, heartless, location film of sexual loathing, in which three men roar through southeast France trying to find and kill one of their erring wives.

Pilot Thierry Lhermitte opens proceedings by sky-writing a message to Miou-Miou, his wife, while she enjoys upright sex against a window. Her infidelity bared, the husband hounds her escaping lover's car from his plane; the car crashes. Lhermitte's uncle, Philippe Noiret, a cat-stroking judge known as "L'Elégant", suggests that being widowed is better than being divorced. So once Richard Bohringer is hired to pull the trigger, off we go down the open road, searching for Miou-Miou, ogling hard at restaurant waitresses and airing lubricious thoughts.

The change in physical style, Leconte says, was deliberate. He wanted to make a widescreen spree, a film filled with motion and action that considered hard truths about marital relations in a joyous, stimulating way. (French statistics indicate most married men wish they were bachelors, and most bachelors wish they were married.)

But it is hard work feeling stimulated when the layer of misogyny is 20 feet thick, and the script's attempts at whirlwind craziness à la Bertrand Blier grow progressively weaker. You may start by enjoying the film's colour, noise and cheek. Then the emptiness and cruelty sink in. Your smile fades, your heart turns to stone, and you look longingly at the exit.

Tango
Lumiere, Camden Plaza, 15
Storyville
MGMs Tottenham Court Road and Trocadero, 15
Bambi
MGMs Haymarket and Oxford Street, U

The week's other new London release is **Storyville**, a film you want to like far more than is actually possible. The cast, headed by James Spader and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer, is generally agreeable; the tangled plot offers lust, murder, political corruption and rattling family skeletons. The setting is New Orleans, a city so atmospheric that it might have been invented for cinema; while the director, making his feature debut, is Mark Frost, David Lynch's production and writing partner on television's *Twin Peaks*.

Then the fidgeting starts, in part because we expect one thing and get another. Despite Frost's association with David Lynch, this is no *Twin Peaks*; though the script, goodness knows, has enough possibilities for deadpan melodrama, with its crooked politicians, sexy martial arts instructors, drunken matriarchs and red-light sleaze. But Frost's tongue is nowhere near his cheek. He plays this incredible story — derived from a novel by an Australian barrister — slow, straight and boring, and never sucks the audience inside.

James Spader portrays the favourite son of a powerful New Orleans family. Running for Congress, he spends a wild night with an Asian girl who becomes charged with murdering her father, owner of a martial arts studio. A lapsed criminal lawyer, Spader jumps to her defence, hoping to hide his involvement. He also keeps busy tracking down the shady origins of the family fortune and fending off hoary character turns by Jason Robards (his political puppetmaster) and Piper Laurie (his sozzled mom, from a bad Tennessee Williams play).

Given the extensive coverage of Southern aristocracy behaving badly in lush surroundings, Mark Frost seems to have been aiming for social criticism. Yet *Storyville* moves so slowly and lasts so long that every component falls far short of its potential.

And so to **Bambi**. With all the recent publicity given to Walt Disney's alleged activities as an FBI informer and neurotic drunkard, it is cheering to be reminded that he also found time to produce the world's best animated features.

Bambi, a tale of one year in a young deer's life, is a venerable 51 years old, and comes before a generation of children whose idea of fun is street-smart turtles cavorting in sewers. Maybe the film's ideal audience must now be the very young or the nostalgic adult; though for toddlers there remain the hurdles of Bambi's mother suddenly, tastefully, dying off-screen, and a furious fight between Bambi and a fellow deer, drawn in frightening silhouettes. But whatever audience it pulls, they should be satisfied.

Some historical adjustment is necessary. Disney liked his forest creatures round and cute, with large eyes; when Flower the skunk turns coy, or Thumper's buxom rabbit girlfriend turns on the sex appeal, you must sit tight and try not to gag. Yet the cuddly kitsch is easily outweighed by the naturalistic detail in the creatures' movements, and the forest background's exquisite play of light and shade, rain and snow, as the seasons pass.

Voice characterisations share the same stylistic divide. Bambi's mother talks in tones so honeyed you expect her to glide into a prized recipe for apple pie. Thumper the scene-stealing rabbit, though, is a bouncy street urchin plus fur, loud and gregarious. "Whachya doin'?" he squawks: this fellow could easily grow up to be Bugs Bunny.

And despite the kitsch, *Bambi* can still offer young viewers something that *Super Mario Bros.* and its ilk never seem to provide: a powerful, moving story. This is no string of sequences tenuously linked, but a tale that grows as the year's cycle revolves. Disney's animators, under David Hand, may have overdone the twittering birds and blossoms, but they knew when to rein themselves in for dramatic effect.

"Man was in the forest." Bambi's mother explains after the creatures race for cover: a simple line that raises the green flag far more effectively than the drivel of *FernGully: The Last Rainforest*. Queasy moments acknowledged, the magic of *Bambi* remains intact.

Half a century old, Bambi seems a mere stripling compared to **A Page of Madness**, the extraordinary modernist Japanese silent set in an asylum. Tonight, at the National Film Theatre, Teinosuke Kinugasa's *1926* film is revived with live piano accompaniment by the composer George Benjamin: an exotic partnership of sight and sound not to be missed.

ARTS BRIEFING

Art or no, it's on its way

THE shortlist for the 1993 Turner Prize will provide much ammunition for the "is it art or is it rubbish?" school of journalism. It includes the sculptor Rachel Whiteread, whose next major project will apparently be to fill up with plaster the entire interior of a house in the East End of London, demolish the house, and leave the huge plaster-cast standing.

Then there is the Laos-born installation artist Vong Phaophanit. At the Serpentine Gallery earlier this year, he filled a room with a "furrowed field" consisting of rice, and ran red-hot tubes of neon through it. Symbolism of the east-meets-west kind was detected by the kinder critics. The other two names on the shortlist are the Barcelona-based photographic artist, Hannah Collins, and the painter Sean Scully. The winner will be announced on November 23.

● REAL art-lovers, of course, will ignore the Turner Prize altogether, and head for the Clacket Lane services on the M25 motorway. That is where Robert Key, the roads minister, yesterday unveiled "the first major sculpture for a British motorway service area", as RoadChef, the company which runs the site, proudly claims. The work proves to be a "water-sculpture" (we used to call them fountains) entitled *Flyover* and designed by William Pye.

Cameo role

GOOD news for visitors to the Edinburgh Film Festival: the Cameo Cinema is back in use, increasing the number of available screens from two to five. The bad news is that the tally of films remains largely unaltered: it is difficult to create the impression of a bustling international event when there are fewer than 100 features. But the festival has been lucky with its gala screenings: Jane Campion's *The Piano* opens proceedings on August 14, and Mike Leigh's *Naked* ends the festival on August 29.

Elsewhere, Derek Jarman's *Blue* gets its British premiere, spotlights are shone on Alastair Sim and Mexican cinema and low-budget film-makers share a weekend of screenings and debates. All this plus "the first feature in the Gaelic language", Mike Alexander's *As An Eilean*. Details from Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031-228 4051). Booking opens on July 31.

Five orchestras are too many for today

The Arts Council's Bryan Magee defends the council's decision to stop funding two of the London orchestras

Undeniably, it sounds good to say that London has five fully-fledged symphony orchestras when no other city in the world has more than two. But most people concerned with the capital's musical life have been saying for decades now that five is too many.

Most of them came into existence for quirky reasons. The BBC Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1930 to meet the requirements of broadcasting. The fact that Adrian Boult was made its conductor incensed Sir Thomas Beecham so much that he retaliated by founding the London Philharmonic Orchestra in 1932. But then he fell out with his own creation and founded the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to rival it, in 1946. At about the same time the Philharmonia Orchestra was put together purely to make records. And the oldest orchestra of them all, the London Symphony, was founded in 1904 as a breakaway movement from another that has long since been defunct.

Of these, only the BBC's orchestra is salaried and secure, with guaranteed access to the airwaves. The other four are independent, self-governing, unsalaried, and engaged in an endless struggle for survival in the marketplace. They are in cut-throat competition with one another for players, audiences, airtime, recording contracts, public funding, private sponsorship, and the use of venues. And of not a single one of those things is there enough for the needs of all of them. Under-funded orchestras are now chasing declining audiences. In these circumstances it has not been possible for any of them to establish itself in the world class, the class of the Berlin and Vienna Philharmonics, the Boston and Chicago Symphonys.

Up to now the Arts Council has compliantly funded all four of London's independent orchestras simply because they are there. But it has been as aware as most other people that the situation is not conducive to the highest orchestral standards, or the most satisfying concert life for London's music lovers, or the best working conditions for the players. No funding body starting from scratch would dream of funding four symphony orchestras in London in addition to the BBC's. As long ago as 1970 the Peacock report concluded that public funding should be focused on no more than two orchestras.

It is today's government, not today's Arts Council, that has cut £5 million off the latter's budget from next April. But this is spurring the council to do something it ought to have done years ago and focus resources on fewer London orchestras. It has decided to give more money to each of two than it has ever before given to any one, with the express aim of helping them develop into world-class institutions.

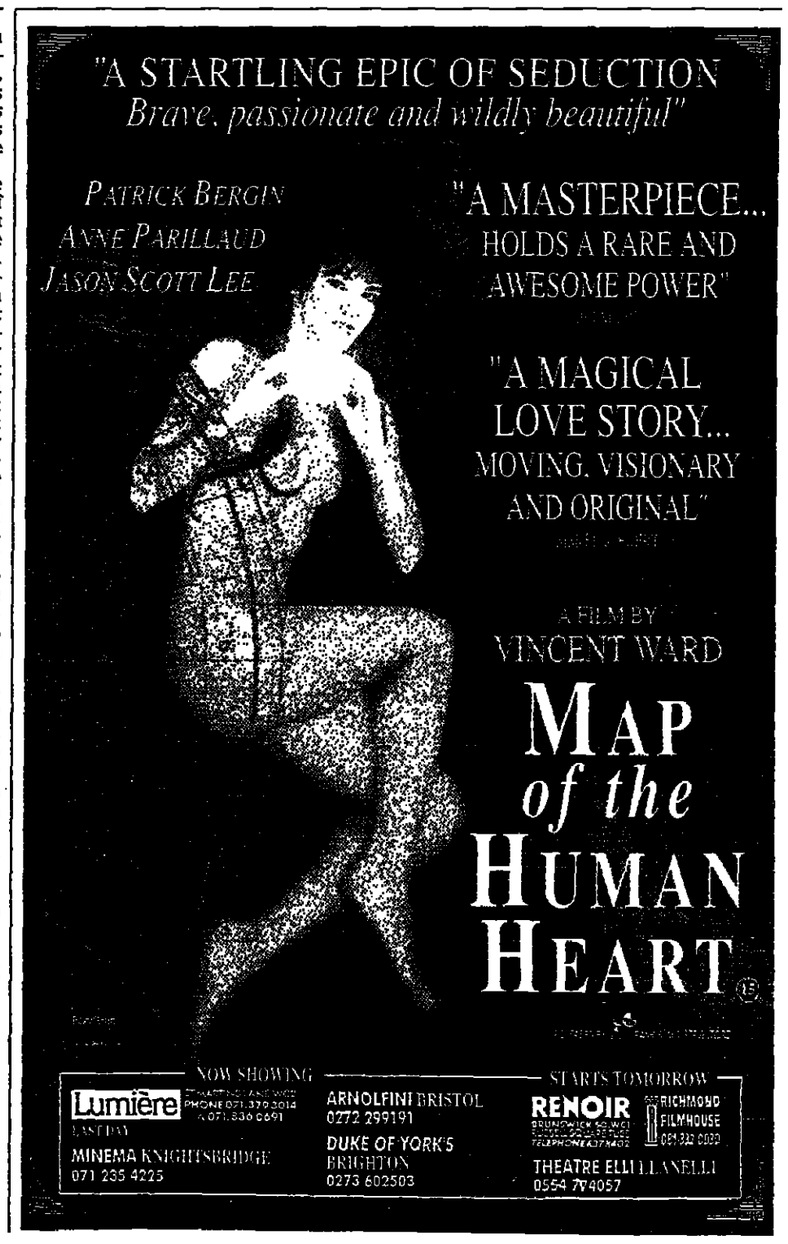
The London Symphony Orchestra is already half-way there. With matching funding from the City of London, and a permanent home at the Barbican, it has used these advantages in recent years to raise standards to a point where, last season under Colin Davis, it was giving us playing of a quality that has never been heard from a London orchestra before. On this form, especially now that Davis has been signed up to become its permanent conductor, it is self-selecting as one of the orchestras to be funded.

But how is the other to be chosen? It is a judgment of Solomon, one of the most painful decisions that the council has ever had to make. The council will, of course — as it must — take the decision itself. And before doing so it will pay the most careful attention to its music advisory panel. But with so much at stake it has decided to add a second opinion, and for that special purpose will appoint an independent advisory committee. The ideal chairman of it will have to combine guaranteed impartiality with a close knowledge of the London musical scene, and such a person might not have been easy to find, but by sheer good fortune he happens to exist in the person of Sir Leonard Hoffmann, a Lord Justice of Appeal who is also on the board of English National Opera.

In the autumn his committee will consider bids for the available funding, bids not only from the three existing orchestras but from any new combination formed from them that might come up with imaginative proposals. Whatever its recommendations are, they will be considered first by the music advisory panel and then by the full council, who will make the final choice.

No one can pretend that this is not going to be a bruising process. These orchestras, all of them, are world-famous institutions that have provided great music to millions over many years. We are in their debt, not they in ours. But if standards are to be raised, for players and audiences alike, resources will have to be concentrated from now on.

● *Bryan Magee is a member of the Arts Council and chairman of the music advisory panel*



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PROMS: Mark Elder conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Weber's overture, *Euryanthe*, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 (soloist, Dmitri Alexeev) and Mahler's Symphony No 4. Amanda Roocroft sings the soprano solo
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

THE DEVIL'S ONLY SLEEPING: Nick Stafford's murky drama, first seen in Birmingham, of jealousy between siblings, leading to fratricide and parricide. Greek tragedy for the 1990s.
Cockpit, *Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081)*. Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 8pm.

KIROV BALLET: The week of ballet from this acclaimed Russian company comes to a close with the supreme classicism of *The Sleeping Beauty*
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

MILLIE JACKSON: Rap artist Millie Jackson plays the last of three concerts in England, as part of her European tour. Her music comprises funk, rock, blues, soul and country.
Hammersmith Apollo, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (081-420 1320). Tonight, 8pm

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

CHILINGIRIAN QUARTET: John Tavener's quartet *The Last Sleep of the Virgin*, with a part for handbells (played by Ian Simcock), in memory of Margot Fonteyn, was given its first performance at last year's Cheltenham Festival, the ensemble now give its London première. Mozart's Quartet in C and Ravel's Quartet in F complete the programme.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm.

EXPRESSIONS: An evening of variety entertainment organised to promote free expression in the arts and to raise money for charity. A meal is included in the ticket price as well as entrance to a London night club.
New Empire, 161 Tottenham Street, London W1 (071-490 4858). Tonight, 7.30pm

REGIONAL

CHELTENHAM: Jose Carreras launches the Sudeley Summer Festival, accompanied by pianist Lorenzo Bavaj. He performs a selection of arias and songs. The four day festival will also include a Strauss-gala.
Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, nr Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (Ticketmaster no: 071-344 4444). Tonight-Sun, 7.30pm (castle grounds open for picnicking and walks from 5.30pm).

LEEDS: Première of **Father's Day** commissioned from Maureen Lawrence: mother and daughter look after the head of the family, once all-powerful, now senile.
Courtyard Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens July 27, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Mats Sat (July 31, Aug14), 4pm. Until Aug 21 [S]

LIVERPOOL: Roy Orbison look-alike and sound-alike, Larry Branson, stars in musical bio of "the Big O", **Only the Lonely.**
Playhouse, *Williamson Square (051-709 8363)*. Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm. Mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Aug 28 [S]

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
[S] **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **BROTHER TRUCKERS:** Everett Quinton and the Ridiculous Theatrical Company doing their campest stuff in an absurd story about love, murder and garbage. Ripe performances.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm [S]

☐ **COMEDIANS:** Tim McInnerny plays the bitter and rejected comic in a well-staged revival of *Trevor Griffiths's play*. Last week.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 155mins. [S]

[S] **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. [S]

■ **GREASE:** Back to the Fifties: greased hair and neon sox. Teenage love and rock, with Craig McLachlan in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the bottle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings. Last week.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 115mins. [S]

☐ **LUST:** Following their *Slice of Saturday Night* the Heather Brothers put *The Country Wife* to music: 21 numbers and Denis Lawson as the rake who pretends to be impotent.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

■ **THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III:** Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.15pm

☐ **MARVIN'S ROOM:** Alison Steadman as a kindhearted Florida woman facing up to mortality in Scott McPherson's excellent, sane quirky play.
Hampstead, *Swiss Cottage Centre*, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. [S]

[S] **MISHA'S PARTY:** Barry Foster in the title role of a play set against the 1991 Moscow coup. Co-written by the American Richard Nelson and the Russian Alexander Gelman.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm, mat today, 2pm. Then in repertoire.

■ ***OLEANNA:*** *David Suchet, Lia* Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college: passionate argument, riveting drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 *(071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat,* 4pm. 130mins.

☐ **A PENNY FOR A SONG:** Return of last year's successful John Whiting comedy, set in a Dorset village at the time of Napoleon. Delightful summer wit and humour.
Orange Tree Theatre, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 4pm.

☐ **POUNDING NAILS INTO THE FLOOR WITH MY FOREHEAD:** Also known as The Dog Show: Eric Bogosian, billed in New York as the Lenny Bruce of the 90s, offers a tour round the dark corners of the male psyche. Six performances only.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404), tonight, tomorrow, 8 pm, Sat, 8 pm and 10 pm.

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins. [S]

■ **TRANSLATIONS:** British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language. Last week.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

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MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

◆ **BENNY & JOON** (12): Zany love story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik.
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EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

◆ **HOUSE OF ANGELS** (15): Liberated newcomers upset the calm of a Swedish village. Humane comedy from British-born director Colin Nutley. *With Helena Bergström, Rikard Wolff.*
Barbican [S] (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** [S] (071-435 3366)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) *on release across the country*

CURRENT

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham.
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◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
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MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
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◆ **RED ROCK WEST** (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J T Walsh; director, John Dahl.
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THEATRE: A Stratford transfer and revivals of Du Maurier and a television spoof

DONALD COOPER

Katherine (Amanda Harris) having abandoned her fierce snarling

Tricked out with extras

The Taming of the Shrew
Barbican

AFTER a grubby tinker is turfed out of an inn and drops to the ground in a drunken stupor, on rushes young Rupert, hotly pursued by Lord Simon. Lord who? Neither he nor the six named companions in his hunting party (Hugo, Lady Sarah and the like) figure in the usual cast lists, but what they have to say here follows the general course of the Christopher Sly induction.

Bill Alexander's Stratford production from last year, which before then was seen elsewhere on its lengthy tour, keeps his Sloanes on stage for the rest of the evening, lolling about on the chairs in Lord Simon's ancestral mansion, watching hired actors performing *The Shrew* for them. Since they remain at the rear of the stage, the actors must keep their backs to them, but we have to pretend not to worry about that. Hugo and the others eventually become faintly unwilling participants in Petruchio's story, handed their lines on sheets of paper and obliged to play his doltish servants. They do so with a comical amateurishness that becomes dismay when Petruchio, who is just a common actor after all, abuses and hits them for real.

Thus the socially upsetting trick played on Sly is turned around and played on the tricksters. This makes neat dramatic sense in itself, but it also echoes the treatment Petruchio inflicts upon Katherine, and reminds us that the entire play is concerned with changing identity. Almost everyone pretends to be somebody else; Rebecca Saire's falsely demure Bianca is clearly a shrew in the making, and Katherine is either sadistically brainwashed out of her shrewishness, or else readily abandons what she had adopted as self-defence.

Amanda Harris, tempestuously fierce and snarling, plumps for the second alternative, eventually laughing along with her man at the zany comedy of calling sun, moon or Greybeard by the wrong names — identity changes again. The comedy is strong and inventive, here as elsewhere, though her concluding speech, on male supremacy, works neither as irony nor serious statement.

Anton Lesser's compact, sharp-eyed Petruchio shows a capacity for outrageous fury from the start. It is a small step from raving at his servant to raging at his wife, and this Petruchio enjoys taking that step. Lesser's vitality carries off those scenes that rely on verbal sparring, taking the wind out of all her sails during the wooing, but his nastier tactics are as odious as always.

The play is attractively cast, with Trevor Martin a rich-voiced Baptista and Richard McCabe a Tranio deeply reluctant to go back to his identity as servant. Lively, continually surprising, Alexander's production largely redeems this familiar and provoking play.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Helpless in its grip

September Tide
King's Head, Islington

DAPHNE Du Maurier would perhaps have been surprised at the reawakening of interest in her life and work. Dark speculations about her private life are to be found in a new biography. A sequel to *Rebecca* is announced. And now here is a reminder (or for most of us the revelation) that she was an aspiring dramatist as well as an accomplished novelist. Moreover, she was one capable of looking, if not into the emotional abyss, at least rather further beyond the end of her nose than most of her peers.

September Tide opened in London in late 1948, ran some 15 months, and gave Du Maurier's close friend, Gertrude Lawrence, what proved to be her last role on the British stage. She played a middle-aged widow who falls self-denyingly in love with her son-in-law against a background of Cornish breakers and symbolic tempests. "It did blow and no mistake," says the inevitable char, good old Mrs Tucket, "I baint seen a storm like that for years"; and she is, of course, unwittingly describing the surges in Stella's heart.

The play must have seemed a mite risqué for its time. Much is made of the fact that the "new generation", as Stella's daughter Cherry and her husband Evan are called, had an affair before their precipitate, bohemian wedding but have since opted for independence and separate bedrooms. And Evan himself says mildly "modern" things in what Brendan Coyle, who plays him, ensures is a smouldering, Celtic way.

"This whole marriage thing is a bit of a toss-up," he casually remarks to Peter Byrne's Robert, the neighbour who has been haplessly wooing Stella for years; and, doomed as he is by Du Maurier's scheme to represent the world's boring old farts, Robert is duly shocked by the puppy's insolence.

But the play's unconventionality only goes so far. As the ocean thunders, Coyle's Evan declares his love to Susannah York's Stella, in whose bosom the maternal decencies are clearly battling with less respectable passions. Then he dashes out to save a drifting dinghy by jumping into the sea, and returns, romantically soaked, to hear that his wife cannot get home. *Is it, or It, about to happen?* I thought so, forgetting that this was not 1990, *1660 or 420 BC, but dear old 1948*. The next morning York gives every sign of feeling dreadfully guilty, but not, it seems, because anything carnal has occurred.

Repression, self-sacrifice, silent dignity and other such English virtues triumph. The impression is somewhat of *Phèdre* rewritten by the Noël Coward of *Brief Encounter*. Yet I must confess to having enjoyed Mark Rayment's production, Mills-and-Boon melodrama and all.

Du Maurier might not have explored human feeling very far, but she knew how to keep you, if not quite on tenterhooks, at least never quite off them. She could tell a mean story, and in dialogue; and that's more than some of her highly regarded successors are able to do today.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

All spaced out again

Thunderbirds F.A.B. — The Next Generation
Apollo, W1

THUNDERBIRDS are Go again. The Apollo Theatre has relaunched *Thunderbirds F.A.B. — The Next Generation*, formerly a long-running cult hit at the Ambassadors, and itself a souped-up version of *Thunderbirds F.A.B.*, which took off at the Apollo in 1989 and which was, in turn, a take-off of Gerry Anderson's children's television series with its all-plastic puppets and rickety toy rockets. In other words, it's back to the futuristic: a send-up that also pays affectionate homage to the supertrash of Sixties sci-fi.

The skill and humour of the stage show actually lies in the absence of technology. There is no set, just a couple of actors. Paul Kent and Wayne Forester progress through imaginary sliding doors — *de rigueur* design features in any self-respecting spaceship — and talk into invisible telephonic wrist watches. In an entertaining combination of impressive dexterity and knowing shoddiness they provide all their own sound effects, sometimes seemingly electronic beeps and buzzes, sometimes blatantly bad onomatopoeia such as "ker-splash". Kent and Forester enact exploding bridges, approaching trains and aircraft.

The main joke however, is the human burlesque of Anderson's marionettes. As if on strings, Kent mimics the crusading Captain Scarlet flopping along ineffectually, slightly sagging at the knees and firing off bullets haphazardly as his arm sways aimlessly in mid air. Forester's head flips round 90 degrees, apparently unconnected to his torso. It wobbles about for a while bringing out all the campness in the square-jawed superheroes. The Thunderbirds keep short-circuiting too.

The script is nothing to write home about, the plot is a distinctly tenuous thread, and the whole production might well be condensed into a short revue sketch. Nonetheless, the theatrical games with television techniques are exuberantly inventive and the actors have a real rapport with the audience. Skilful if insubstantial silliness.

KATE BASSETT

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Anarchy behind the scenes

From Romania to Rochester: *Nabucco* in a staging by Hero Lupescu, the veteran producer whose credits include 72 operas and the opening for the 1982 football World Cup

Who are the Romanian State Opera, and what are they doing in Rochester this weekend? **Richard Morrison** braves the perils of Bucharest to find out

You are wondering how it came about that the Romanian State Opera is staging *Nabucco* outdoors at Rochester Castle. I know I would be, particularly if I lived in Rochester and knew that my local council had put £100,000 into this Saturday's extravaganza. Who thought it a good wheeze to fly in 173 Romanians, at a cost of £350,000, to give just one performance of a Verdi opera? And what *is* the Romanian State Opera?

Answering the first question is not difficult. With one eye on the nearby Channel Tunnel, the local Labour council has declared Rochester a "City of Europe", and launched a Medway Arts Festival with a strong Euro-theme. A Kent-based company called Dual Control, which tours foreign theatre companies, was asked to find something spectacular to open the week — and up popped the name of the Romanian State Opera.

Answering the second question took me to Bucharest. The city was sweltteringly hot. Milk and fresh vegetables were non-existent. Child prostitutes touted for trade in every hotel. Ceausescu's palace stood like a monstrous cancer at the city's heart. Ordinary Romanians had not been allowed in since January, and there were rumours that its bunkers were once more the domain of Securitate spooks. On the streets, gangsters ruled. No shop was safe without guards.

All in all, a strange place for us to import high culture from. But let us not be snooty: Romania established its national opera company decades before Britain did. Nevertheless, something of the anarchy on the streets appears to have penetrated Bucharest's opera house, as I was to discover.

I arrived expecting to interview the conductor Cornel Trailescu, who runs the opera company. Or rather, used to run it. "Trailescu cannot see you. He has lost his job," I was told. The culture minister had sacked him the previous afternoon, it transpired, and installed a "famous Romanian singer" in his place. This turned out to be one Eugenia *Moldoveanu*, a 49-year-old soprano who has appeared at La Scala a few times. "Madam Moldoveanu is giving a press conference. You may attend."

I joined the other journalists. But there were no other *journalists*. I *sat alone in a* room with 30 cups of cold black coffee, all untouched. Presently, the new director swept in with an entourage of nervous men. She looked magnificent, mean and moody. I *would not have liked to have* played Scarpia to her Tosca.

Why does Madam want to run an opera house? "I have made the heroic decision to give up my singing, in order to make the changes necessary *here," she replied. What* changes? "It is our wish to privatise the opera. We also wish to offer singers who left before the revolution the incentive to return."

Privatise the Romanian State Opera? That sounds drastic. The performance I attended had just 200 people in the audience. Tickets were 200 *lei*: about 15p each. "Slightly cheaper than Covent Garden, yes?" quipped a Romanian wag. Box office takings of £30 a night are not going to feed a company of 700 people. So the state support must be astronomical. But now the state cannot afford the subsidy. How is Madam going to make ends meet?

Madam smiled thinly, pointed at her watch, and left. Clearly, on her first day, she had many people to fire — I hope not with a real gun.

I tried cornering a young stage designer who spoke English. What *does privatising the opera* company mean? "More money is desperately needed," she replied. But where is this money to come from? More realistic ticket prices? Opera holidays for foreign tourists? *Sponsorship from Western* business? "No," she exclaimed, with an incredulous look. "From the state!"

Clearly, the word privatisation is open to many different interpretations in Romania. I *tried again, this time with* Hero Lupescu, the veteran Romanian producer whose staging of *Nabucco* will be gracing Rochester. But Lupescu got his question in first. "What does God do when *He is angry?*" he asked me. Haven't a clue, I said. "He asks Mozart to play for Him," Lupescu replied, with a laugh that echoed through the vast marble corridors of the opera house. Then he added enigmatically: "I have staged many Mozart productions."

In fact Lupescu has staged 72 operas, as well as the 1982 football World Cup opening. That gives you some idea of his production style: very adept at moving crowds of people around. He would also have staged the 1992 Barcelona Olympics opening, he assured me, but the letter of invitation got lost in the post. The year being 1989, the post office being in Bucharest, and there being certain other excitements in town at the time, *this story has a ring of truth.*

Lupescu considers himself an operatic radical. "My *Traviata* in jeans caused *un scandale immense*," he said proudly. It is, however, the production coming to England *which he considers his most dangereux.* His *Nabucco* was first staged in 1987, when Ceausescu's censors were still vetting everything.

"In my staging, the Hebrew slaves are all tied together *with a rope,"* he explained. "But when they sing their great chorus, the slaves let the rope fall to the ground. My assistant, watching in the balcony, noticed *that this rope fell* in the exact shape of Romania. 'My God, what shall we do?' he asked. 'Keep the rope, and keep the shape,' I ordered. Luckily, when the censor came, he sat in the stalls, so he didn't notice. Only one person noticed: a music critic."

And what did he do? "He explained the symbolism in his review." Gosh, wasn't that foolhardy? "Not really. He didn't publish the review for two years, until after Ceausescu's execution."

Tell me, Hero, what is all this about privatisation? "Yes, it is true. Our culture minister wants to privatise all the performing companies. Our recent *Samson et Dalila* was sponsored by an American company with a base in Bucharest. *It is a start, I think.*"

And now, the 64,000-*lei* question: what part does Rochester play in this? "The important thing about Rochester," said Lupescu, "is that it will get the Romanian State Opera known abroad. Once we are known, and prove to be good, we will get more invitations. And the English pounds will be good for us."

Today Rochester, tomorrow the world. That is the plan anyway. *Incidentally, the Ro*manians' *Nabucco* is quite presentable. Go and see it: they need your hard currency more than you do.

● *Saturday's performance is at 8pm in the Castle Gardens, Rochester (box office 0634 408965)*

MUSIC FESTIVALS: **Gerald Larner** on an imported Donizetti staging in Buxton and a nearly-new concerto in Cheltenham

This crown duel is badly flawed

Maria Stuarda
Buxton

Buxton certainly needed a lesson in economy. But whether Jonathan Miller's stringently sparse production of *Maria Stuarda* is effective enough to convince the festival's excessive tendency — those who would have preferred to see wild boar falling from the sky during the hunt at Fotheringay and to have the Queen of Scots going to her death under a mushroom cloud — is rather doubtful.

Roberto Devereux, the first in the series of three Donizetti Tudor tragedies which Miller is directing for Monte Carlo Opera, would have been more convincing. *Maria Stuarda, the one Buxton chose to import* to the Opera House, has much in common with *Roberto Devereux* — Roni Toren's bare grey walls and Clare Mitchell's mainly dark and generalised Elizabethan costumes — *but it is neither as* well cast nor as tightly disciplined.

The central confrontation of the two Queens is the most acute example. Miller treats the scene intelligently, but Mariana *Cioromila, whose* acting technique is limited to turning down the corners of her mouth in a caricature of displeasure, simply does not have the stagecraft to get Elisabetta through it.

*Christine Weidinger sur*vives the confrontation rather more successfully. She is, in fact, the one more than momentarily visible sign of life in the whole production. Her coloratura does not come easily, and her top notes are more shrill *than dramatic; but a* personality does develop and, as Maria makes her confession before ascending the steep *stairway to meet her* executioner, she does achieve the authentic pathos and some dignity too.

Matthew Best's Talbot has relaxed a little by now and is modulating the volume at last *and, though there is little hope* of improvement from Reinaldo Macias's unheroic Leicester — who is so uncomfortable on his feet that he looks as though he has come to Buxton to cure his gout — the *chorus sets the atmosphere for* the last scene with some of the best singing of the evening.

The cast does have the basic materials for a good *Maria Stuarda* — even Cioromila and Macias have the vocal *technique and the colour re*sources — and the right conductor could have inspired something more consistently positive in them. Guido Johannes Rumstadt, who secures a neat ensemble and some elegant *turns of phrase in the* orchestra, is unfortunately not that kind of conductor.

Always a first time

CLS/Hickox
Cheltenham

At current rates, one Matthews — a David Matthews, that is — should be fair exchange for one Osborne. So, being unable to present a promised new Oboe Concerto by Nigel Osborne, who failed to finish the score on time, the Cheltenham Festival's offer of a first performance of an Oboe Concerto by David Matthews seemed to be adequate compensation.

But you should always read the small print. What Nicholas Daniel, Richard Hickox and the City of London Sinfonia actually gave us was a "first performance with a professional orchestra" — a new category of premiere to be followed, perhaps, by "first performance by an orchestra *with an average age of thirty*" or "first performance by an orchestra with more women than men".

It would have been worth claiming priority for the Cheltenham performance of Matthews's *concerto if it had been* written for a professional orchestra but, in fact, it was commissioned by the Foundation for Young Musicians and authentically introduced to the world by Nicholas Daniel with *the London Schools Symph*ony Orchestra at the Barbican last September.

It is, on the other hand, an abundantly colourful score with an oboe part so imaginative that Daniel's eagerness to give it another hearing was quite understandable. If only there had been time to rewrite the work for an expert chamber orchestra, this would have been a priority occasion.

As it was, the City of London Sinfonia had to be augmented by numerous extras in order to sound like a school orchestra. *The composer might well have* taken the opportunity to score out the percussion band which somewhat incongruously intruded on the second of the five movements; and in the fourth and most attractive move*ment, based on a piano blues* by Montana Taylor, he would surely have liberated at least some of the orchestra from repetition so as to emulate the inspired solo part.

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POP: **Alan Jackson** reviews teenage heart-throbs Take That at G-Mex in Manchester

Stronger than the squeal factor

The little girl to my right set me straight the moment I took my seat. "As soon as they come on we stand up and wave both arms in the air," she instructed. "Then we sit down really quickly while other people further along stand up. It's called a Mexican wave. Pass the message down the row."

Young male heart-throbs are a very different species from other forms of pop life, and so attract an entirely different audience, as this encounter made clear. Like some gaudily beautiful insect which emerges from its chrysalis, lives and then dies within the *space of one day, the* careers of such young guns tend to be intense but brief, and bereft of any lasting merit. The only point to being a teen idol is to be the biggest, the best, the brightest at a particular moment. But having achieved that temporary preeminence, there is nowhere to go but downwards — a route taken at spectacular speed by Bros and New Kids On The Block *in recent memory.*

Manchester's Take That are the current kings of hormonally-charged youth entertainment — a status confirmed when their single "Pray" achieved the rare feat of entering the British charts at No 1, two Sundays ago. Their moment in the sun comes after two years of relentless, good-natured slog and self-promotion: if stardom could be

Take That: unabashed mix of athleticism and innuendo

earned rather than conferred, the five-strong band deserves it more than most.

But how secure is their position — East 17, Let Loose, Worlds Apart and Bad Boys Inc are just some of the young pretenders to their crown — and can they defy the reputation for transience inherent in *their genre? Take That* realise it is best to keep us guessing. There is strength in numbers, and a repertoire of slick, self-referential dance moves helps distract attention from the lameness of their early original material — "Do What U Like", "A Million Love Songs", "Take That And Party" — and lead singer Gary *Barlow's relative unease at* being the object of such unconditional schoolgirl love.

He, one senses, would rather be admired for his musicianship than his muscles, and the clumsy but still effective "Pray" is the surest sign yet that his songwriting skills are developing. His sidekicks have no such qualms though, their unabashed mix of athleticism and innuendo neatly compensating for their frontman's appealing sincerity.

The squeal factor at this first date in a seven-stadium tour of Britain made it difficult to *come to any conclusion about* the band's long-term musical potential. But on the evidence of what few audible moments there were it seems not entirely impossible that Barlow in particular may eventually develop his talent in a similar way as did George Michael, post-Wham! For now, though, Take That are about an inoffensive update of late-Seventies pop-soul and lots of *energetic, coded sexuality.*

The new woman's patron saint

Piers Paul Read takes issue with an ambitious feminist interpretation of the life and iconography of Mary Magdalen that he finds spirited, but more than a little heretical

Susan Haskins is an art historian. While her book on Mary Magdalen tells us everything we could possibly want to know about the iconography of this popular saint, it is no mere academic study. Rather, it is a feminist tract, ending triumphantly with the words: "On 11 November 1992 the General Synod of the Church of England voted to ordain women as priests."

As such, it can be seen as a companion volume to Marina Warner's book on the Virgin Mary, *Alone of All Her Sex*. The hypothesis of these two convent-educated writers is that the two Marys have been used by cunning patriarchs within the Roman Catholic Church to keep women in their place.

Warner's hope is that the Virgin's legend "will be emptied of moral significance" and so lose its power to influence future generations. Haskins thinks this is over-optimistic and sets herself the more ambitious task of burying the false Mary Magdalen of Catholic myth and resurrecting the real one as the patron saint of liberated women.

Her chief difficulty is the small amount of solid information. We know from St Luke's Gospel that seven devils had been cast out of her by Christ, and that she subsequently joined the group of women who ministered to him. The most significant role she plays is outside the tomb after the Resurrection when, as related by St John, she mistakes Jesus for the gardener. "Go and find the brothers, and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." So she told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things.

Haskins makes much of this episode, which earned Mary the title of "apostle to the apostles". She is indignant at the conflation of Mary Magdalen with some of the other women from the gospels, notably Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, and the repentant sinner of Luke viii:37 who washed Christ's feet with her tears, dried them with her hair and then anointed them with expensive oils. She blames this principally on Pope Gregory the Great. Around the year 591, he preached a series of sermons on Mary Magdalen, in which he not only insisted that the different women were one and the same, but also that the oils used to anoint the feet of Christ had previously been used "to perfume her flesh in forbidden acts".

Thus Mary Magdalen, the repentant prostitute, was launched as a great saint of the church. The myth had it that she came to France to end her days in a cave in Provence. Her relics were claimed both by the church of St Maximin in Provence and by the Abbey of Vezelay. With great thoroughness, Haskins follows her journey down the centuries to her recent appearance in Martin Scorsese's film, *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

Haskins's scholarship is impressive but it is marred by the didactic purpose to which she puts it. She sees Gregory's conflation of the different women as part of a conspiracy to make Mary Magdalen "a manageable, controllable figure, and effective weapon and instrument of propaganda against her own sex . . ." In fact, the author argues, Mary, as the first witness to the Resurrection, was Christ's first apostle and leading female disciple. "The gospels show clearly that Christ regarded his women followers as disciples in their own right." And it is clear from St Paul's epistles that "women were able . . . to have important functions as bishops and deacons in the fledgling church . . ."

To claim St Paul's epistles as evidence for women's equal status in the early church comes as a surprise. Haskins denies that he wrote I Timothy and passes over Corinthians xi: 2-16 and Ephesians v:21-25. She finds a reference to Mary Magdalen in a Coptic psalm which gives her "the traditional male apostolic role as 'fisher of men' " and suggests that the claim that Christ first appeared to Peter had "an essentially political end: it legitimised the claims of these men to assume authority within the Church, thereby subsequently excluding women from any such functions . . . a system which has since pertained for almost two thousand years."

This technique of dismissing the church's tradition as based on conjecture only to replace it with a contrary conjecture is a feature of feminist theology. "If, in fact," writes Haskins, "the Gnostic accounts of Mary Magdalen reflect a surviving historical tradition from Christ's life excluded from the orthodox accounts of his ministry, then the latter may be seen as the result of a political decision . . . to reduce the role of women, and Mary Magdalen as their representative."

The idea this conjures up of misogynistic patriarchs plotting the downfall of women within the church stretches credulity, and hardly enhances Haskins's claims to be taken seriously as a scholar. More plausibly, as Ronald Knox noted in his book *Enthusiasm*, heresy and feminism are closely linked throughout the history of the church. Iranaeus of Lyon noted that women were particularly drawn to heretical sects, and it would explain St Paul's strictures against the preaching of women.

There is also a basic confusion in Haskins's attitude towards her own subject. She presents Mary as a symbol "of the rejection of what the Church most feared and abhorred, incarnated in the flesh of woman, her sexuality". But she then describes how the scantily-clad repentant Magdalen became a favourite icon of the Counter Reformation. She rejects Gregory's suggestion that Mary Magdalen was the repentant prostitute; yet flirts with the Gnostic notion that she was the concubine of Christ and claims that Mary Magdalen, "with her famous, or infamous, sexuality has come to represent the liberated woman of the late twentieth century." Thus no sooner does the unfortunate Magdalen escape the stigma of her doubtful past than she is condemned by Haskins to a most problematic future.

Piers Paul Read's study of Chernobyl, Ablaze, was published by Secker last month.

MARY MAGDALEN
By Susan Haskins
HarperCollins, £25

Mary Magdalen by Piero della Francesca: fresco in Arezzo, taken from *Piero della Francesca* by Marilyn Aronberg Lavin (Thames & Hudson, £14). Her clothes symbolise faith, hope and charity

Fighting the good fight

Gerald Frost

FREE AGENT
The Unseen War
By Brian Crozier
HarperCollins, £16.99

Given Brian Crozier's considerable charm, his scrupulous regard for the facts, and wide experience of international affairs, it seems peculiar that for many years the mere mention of his name in political circles was often sufficient to evoke a hostile response. Crozier himself remains puzzled by the reaction.

Sadly, his prodigious efforts to expose the nature and extent of Soviet *dezinformatsiya* (disinformation) and "active measures" remain unacknowledged. Yet the former Soviet foreign minister (now *de facto* president of Georgia), Eduard Shevardnadze, says that some 70 billion roubles (£35 billion) were lavished on such measures from 1945 to 1990.

There is, perhaps, no need to be too distressed at the thought that Crozier has not received his due. A self-starter if ever there was one, he has, very typically, described his own role in the covert aspects of the East-West struggle as making good for the failures of those in authority through personal initiative. This account of his labours is part autobiography, part informal history of the Soviet attempts to distort our perceptions of their purposes and to subvert Western society, and of his own attempts to oppose these.

Some readers, especially long-standing critics, may conclude that he exaggerates his own influence. His breezy style and absence of false modesty lends force to this suspicion. In the main, however, I feel inclined to accept his version of events and the part he played in them. Even if one does not do so wholeheartedly, it is evident that, without his efforts, the KGB and the GRU would have achieved more for their roubles.

Other Western writers committed the major part of their lives to opposing communism, but it is difficult to think of any who proceeded against the enemy so comprehensively or with such vigour. In addition to his polemical writing and journalistic exposés Crozier ran an international press agency, created the Institute for the Study of Conflict, advised Mrs Thatcher on home-produced subversion, and created, with others, an international intelligence agency intended to compensate for what he regarded as the inadequacies of the official Western ones. He also offered unstinting friendship, support and encouragement to younger anti-communists who sought his assistance in their own battles.

The cause of hostility shown towards Crozier by foreign policy élites, and in particular by Lord Carrington (whom Crozier believes was ultimately responsible for his sacking from the ISC) is not hard to trace. It is partly a matter of Crozier's uncompromising style and partly a reflection of Crozier's concerns.

Many of those in the Foreign Office — and, for that matter, in the US State Department — viewed the problems presented by Soviet disinformation, forgeries, agents of influence and the like with extreme distaste. It was not the kind of thing which their background or training equipped them to deal with. As a result, the official reaction was sometimes to play down the significance of these aspects of Soviet behaviour or simply to pretend that such things did not occur. The FO's information and research department set up by Christopher (now Lord) Mayhew, for which Crozier worked as a consultant, proved a triumphant exception to this rule.

Then there was the full-hearted Crozier response to any problem once he was sure of his analyses. Not for him the professional diplomat's love of ambivalence or the customary faith in the efficacy of patient diplomacy when dealing with totalitarians. His response to the discovery that Forum Press Features, which he had just been asked to run, was funded by the CIA was typical. Other journalists would have run a mile. Crozier records his pleasure at the discovery, reasoning that he would have new avenues of access to those in authority.

Crozier was palpably a man with whom to enter the jungle. Indeed, in the absence of a jungle it would have been necessary to invent one, so that he might display his courage, immense energy, and organisational talents. The covert aspects of Soviet policy towards the West provided just such a jungle. It is only a small criticism to say that the book is a little less remarkable than the man; it is remarkable enough.

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Making a hell of a Bosch

Guy Burt

THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS
By Nicholas Salaman
HarperCollins, £14.99

Since the title of Nicholas Salaman's novel is the same as one of Hieronymus Bosch's best-known works, one might expect it to be some kind of fictional biography. But the book is mostly set after Bosch's death, and concerns itself with the life of his apprentice Julius, who is entrusted with the task of completing the master's unfinished painting.

It is Julius's job to fill in the upper quarter of the Hell portion of the triptych — including the wonderfully enigmatic face of the central figure. The novel's main theme is Julius's search for a way to complete this Hell, while all the time wrestling with the pictorial clues to his master's unorthodox religious philosophy. Salaman rejects the interpretation of Bosch as religious moralist for the more contentious view of him as covert advocate of the "religion of love".

It quickly becomes clear to the reader, though not to Julius, that this will be a difficult job. Given the author's view of Bosch's symbolism, it follows that only through experience of reality *outside* the painting can Julius apply himself to the allegory *within* it. The triptych is a metaphor for life and love. Julius, limited in his knowledge of the former and capacity for the latter, is unable to extend that metaphor until he has a sufficient understanding of its foundation.

If there is a flaw in the book, it is here. Salaman relies on Julius himself having sufficient life and character to deal with the intensity of Bosch's creation. This we get towards the end of the book, but there is a long fallow stretch in the middle where Julius simply is not as complex and involving as the painting. Breaking occasionally into vivid lyricism, however, and tackling difficult issues with tenacity, *The Garden of Earthly Delights* not only requires the reader to re-evaluate Bosch, but stands as a novel in its own right.

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Little girl lost

Nigella Lawson

THE FAVOURITE
By Meredith Daneman
Faber, £14.99

Please God, next time, choose someone else, the joke goes. But it is not just the Jews who know that to be favoured is not always a blessing, that it may be the kind of reward that brings with it its own punishment. Meredith Daneman's third novel bristles with this knowledge. Rosalind has suffered, and continues to suffer, from being her father's favourite. But hers was not the sort of childhood where such status might have earnt extra ice creams or pocket money: it brought with it the burden of having to stop her father from leaving.

In some ways, Daneman's second novel set the scene for what is enacted here. Its central character strove to bring and keep two incompatible lovers together, even if that, obscurely, meant sleeping with one of them herself. But in *The Groundling* we could view the stage safely, at emotional distance; here the characters loom up close, intimate and dominating. The sexual confusion remains. To please her mother, Rosalind will be the woman her mother has failed to be, the woman who will make her father stay, even if the role her mother has forced on her makes her, hatefully, also her rival. There can, for Rosalind, be no sense of triumph at being daddy's little girl, for the intensity of the wrangle means the one thing she is not allowed to be is a little girl.

She grows up to be the kind of woman someone else's husband leaves home for: a woman altogether different from her mother, since that, after all, was the plan. But she comes into her inheritance; her punishment for being the woman who refused to be her mother is to be forced to turn into her.

Daneman is not a one-story writer, but her novels share her distinctive voice and preoccupations. Love, sex, birth and death — the lifeblood of both pulp fiction and grand epic — are her themes, though her writing fits into neither category. In a former life, Daneman was a dancer, a founder member of the Australian Ballet, and her writing brings off some of the illusions of the dance. Just as ballet requires utmost discipline, the honing of the body into a tool and vessel of grace and control even as the muscles are tortured, the toes bloodied, so Daneman's prose — precise, supple, beautifully contoured — presents and contains anger and pain and the frenzied lushness of desire.

She writes so well it is impossible not to want to quote her at length, but indeed so well that it would not be fair simply to strip her prose for aperçus and well-turned phrases; for they cohere. As does her body of work, comprising three novels, one delivered every ten years.

One should be grateful for what she produces, not impatient at the rate of production, but it is difficult to read her and not be greedy for more. It makes things worse that her first and second novels are out of print and there is no promise that they will be reissued. This is a writer it is a crime to keep off the shelves.

Placating the pine tendency

Norman Stone

PORTRAITS AND MINIATURES
By Roy Jenkins
Macmillan, £17.99

In the Lords, Roy Jenkins has made for himself something of the reputation of Boneless Wonder. If there is a majority, advocating conventional views, there he will be. There are many virtues in his latest book — a collection of essays and reviews, going back two decades — but I searched far and wide in it for the expression of anything resembling the Dissent of his origins, and found none. All appears to be for the best in the best of all possible worlds: wine, Trollope, the University of Oxford (of which Jenkins is chancellor), the works of John Kenneth Galbraith.

There are problems, but we can surely overcome these, by constantly thumbing through our *Dictionnaire des idées reçues*. The important thing is not to rock the boat. Europe is the saviour — though, as with a surprising number of "Europeans", Jenkins slips on banana skins when he quotes European languages. Otherwise, the standard pieties of the age must be observed. It can only have been by a narrow squeak of fortune that Winnie Mandela was not offered an honorary degree by Chancellor Jenkins at Oxford, where Mrs Thatcher was famously turned down and remains *persona non grata*. She is almost the only personage in this book to receive criticism from Jenkins's emollient pen, because she ran a dictatorial government and cut back the universities' money. But Thatcher-bashing, in the conventional world of Roy Jenkins, is a sport that unites the pine-kitchen dinner tables across the land, so he is on safe ground there. Try as you might, there is nothing to criticise him for.

Normally in such circumstances there would be nothing substantial to praise, either. In this Jenkins is a puzzle, because there is a good bit to praise. He makes it his business to look at museums and cathedrals: he reads widely: and, surprisingly for a man so long immersed in the world of committees and Euro-bureaucratese, he writes well. Jenkins is a good book reviewer, though (as over Skidelsky's classic life of Keynes, when sexual matters came up) he can be prudish.

He is at his best on politicians of the past — sharp about Iain Macleod, for instance, and good on de Gaulle or Adenauer. But he has a manful shot at John Henry Newman — a brave lecture to give for, as he says, he was the only speaker in a series devoted to Newman who was not a specialist. He did his homework well — with an obvious feeling for Newman's relations with the turbulent Archbishop Cullen of Dublin, who did not care for the idea of a Catholic Christchurch on the Liffey.

There is also an affectionate lecture on Glasgow, given to announce "the European City of Culture" in 1990. This is a characteristic Jenkins piece: elegant, knowledgeable, but running away from trouble. I had heard from my own old school, Glasgow Academy, that when he presented the prizes, he did so with an obviously strong sympathy with the city: his speech went down very well. This does him credit for, after all, he was defeated in the constituency of Hillhead by a Labour man, George Galloway, who is vastly less worthy, who has also distinguished himself in defence of the dubious post-communist regime in Romania. He still speaks with respect of Glasgow as a European city, but says (rightly) that it is has an American feel.

Just the same, even here, he manages to gloss over the contentious bits — for instance, the city's sectarian divide, or the tension between the classes, or the very Scottish tradition of ruthless town planning, which was effective enough in the 19th century, but which did terrible damage in the later 20th.

Latterly, Jenkins has been heavily involved in universities. Being in a position of formal authority at Oxford, whether chancellor, vice-chancellor, provost or professor, is like being king or chancellor of Poland in the 18th century. The constitution is crazy-paving. Power has been devolved so far through the colleges that no one really has any; formal authority has no money, and no way of raising an army. It is fur coat and no knickers.

Jenkins stoutly defends this system, dwelling upon the glories of Oxford (and, in a lecture printed here, Cambridge, about which he has again done homework). He attacks Mrs Thatcher for running down university finance, and the pine-table dinner party pieties come out, one after another, though he spares us that ghastly phrase "centres of excellence".

With much of what he says, I can agree: the government in the 1980s made absurd mistakes about universities. But universities also made absurd mistakes — responding to everything with a combination (noted in dons by Nietzsche) of resentment and self-satisfaction. Here, as elsewhere, Roy Jenkins is conventional to the end.

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Caught between cultures

Michael Wright

THE INFINITE PLAN
By Isabel Allende
Translated by Margaret Sayers Peden
HarperCollins, £14.99

Isabel Allende: yields gothic moments and tortured characters

Isabel Allende's latest novel follows the life of Gregory Reeves, the son of an itinerant preacher who is bent on converting the world to the mysteries of his madcap belief system, "the Infinite Plan". Dumped in a Mexican ghetto in Los Angeles, Gregory starts out as a confused *gringo* growing up among macho Latinos. Like many of Allende's characters, he has soon grown into a jagged misfit, who belongs neither to the new nor to the old world.

The gap between Mexican and American culture — and the difficulty of synthesising the two — is central to the novel, as Allende scrapes around on the margins of experience, searching for extremity.

Some moments are typically gothic — as when a priest discovers a severed finger on his altar — and, occasionally, Allende's language is reminiscent of Sir Thomas Browne: "He picked up whores to buy an unwholesome gratification seasoned by the danger of lethal contagion." Allende's tortured characters (slaves to their environment and so often uncannily beautiful, despite their ostensible ugliness) and her plot construction are, however, more obviously comparable to the naturalism of Balzac.

In many ways the relatively down-to-earth nature of Allende's latest work makes the suspension of disbelief harder to achieve than in her more full-throatedly fabular narratives such as *The House of Spirits*. The frame is strained by the coincidences and catastrophes she squeezes into it.

As before, the narrative is divided between a third-person narrator and the first-person narrative of Gregory himself. This helps to bring Gregory to life; some of the other characters, although colourfully defined, remain frozen in suspended animation. And despite a powerful Vietnam section, when Gregory slides into a crazed monologue verging on stream-of-consciousness, Allende's writing is generally rather prosaic and sometimes even waffly.

This is Allende's usual rich, thick and apparently bottomless narrative stew. But by comparison with *The House of the Spirits* and *Eva Lunar*, the new book has the smell of haste about it. While the plan may have been infinite, its realisation is not without limitations.

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A parting of Israel's ways?

Richard Owen on two voices that typify the nation's deep divisions

Israel's Labour premier Yitzhak Rabin (left) and Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of Likud: at odds on the peace process and occupied territories

For many people, including many Israelis, Benjamin Netanyahu first came to prominence during the Gulf war. He was the extrovert Israeli spokesman, always ready with a telling sound-bite, who donned a gas mask during a live CNN interview as the air-raid sirens wailed outside. The gesture was typical of "Bibi", as he is popularly known. Some Israelis, and many foreigners, failed to take Netanyahu seriously because of his showmanship, his American accent and manner (he was educated at MIT), and his womanising (and willingness to discuss it in public). But his detractors underestimated him. He succeeded Yitzhak Shamir as leader of Likud, Israel's right-wing party, and is poised to become prime minister if Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour leader and present premier, fails to deliver peace.

Larger than life, combatively right-wing, Netanyahu is a man with a mission: to convince the world that, because of its minuscule size compared to the Arab world, Israel cannot afford to accede to mistaken Western pressure for Israeli concessions in the search for a Middle East peace. Shortly before the gas-mask incident, I was subjected to what, I learn from this book, is a favourite Netanyahu ploy. He summoned me to his deputy foreign minister's office in Jerusalem, and showed me a relief map of the Holy Land. He then covered tiny Israel on the map with his thumb and "walked" across the 21 Arab countries with his hands open, to demonstrate Israel's need to hold on to the West Bank for security reasons. The PLO, he said, supported Saddam Hussein and would use its proximity to Israel to try to destroy the Jewish state.

His views have not changed. This is his first fully-fledged testimony, (he has edited the letters of his brother Jonathan, a commando officer who died at Entebbe in 1976) and it rests on two propositions: that Israel is not the only or even the main cause of Middle East tensions; and that stability in the region is enhanced if Israel is strong rather than weak.

Netanyahu thinks the gullible West has been deceived into supposing that Palestine, rather than Saddam-style despotism or inter-Arab conflict, is the central problem. He argues that, through "false reductionism", the West has been misled by skilful Arab propaganda — Israeli influence, presumably, being less skilfully exercised — into thinking that Israel is the villain, while the PLO is a united band of romantic revolutionaries with a just cause.

In fact, as far as I know, no Western policy-maker or objective specialist thinks anything of the kind. Nonetheless, Netanyahu is out to try to persuade wrong-headed Westerners that a Palestinian state in the West Bank would be a disaster. The West must grasp that "in eastern and western Palestine there are only two peoples, the Arabs and the Jews. Just as clearly, there are only two states in that area, Jordan and Israel." There is no case, he says, for a 22nd Arab state in the West Bank and Gaza.

In a final and powerful chapter, entitled "The Question of Jewish Power", Netanyahu argues that a strong Israel means stability and peace: a weak Israel the opposite. "If there had been an Israel earlier in this century, there surely would have been no Holocaust. ...The Jews are no longer helpless." However, he assumes that a strong Israel is one which includes the territories occupied in 1967. He dismisses the messianism of the Jewish settlers and the ultra-religious right, but reserves most of his contempt for the "leftist" view that the occupation was "the beginning of all evil...that Israel became smug and self-satisfied, insensitive and inhuman, repressing the Palestinian Arabs and tarnishing the Israeli soul in the process. The essential thesis of this view is: give up the territories and be saved."

A PLACE AMONG THE NATIONS
Israel and the World
By Benjamin Netanyahu
Bantam, £17.99

SLEEPING ON A WIRE
Conversations with Palestinians
By David Grossman
Jonathan Cape, £17.99

Many thoughtful Israelis do believe this, or something like it. They do not accept that Jordan is Palestine; they believe that the desire of an Arab in Nablus or Jenin to live in his own state is a genuine one; and they think, as many in the West do, that although Arab despotism is indeed a threat to peace, and will continue to be even if the question of Palestine is resolved, the Jewish-Arab conflict is still the heart of the matter.

Israel is a nation divided. For every Israeli who agrees with Netanyahu that the territories are an indivisible part of Israel, there is another who believes with Rabin that all or part of them can be traded for a secure existence. David Grossman, the perceptive author of *The Yellow Wind*, a classic account of Israel's Palestinian dilemma, is the leading Israeli intellectual proponent of this "left-wing illusion". His latest book describes a series of encounters with Palestinians and Israeli Arabs during and after the Gulf war.

Grossman is not a politician: he writes with the sensitivity of the fine novelist he is. He concludes that although the Palestinians made complete fools of themselves by going onto their rooftops wearing Israeli-supplied gas masks to cheer Saddam Hussein's missiles on their way to Tel Aviv, Israel has no choice but to come to terms with Palestinian aspirations: "Twenty-five years after the Six Day War, there is no Israeli consensus for annexing the territories."

This is true. More debatable is Grossman's contention that if Israel allowed a new Palestine alongside it, "the borders of the country and the borders of Israeli identity will coincide". Israel, he thinks, would then have justice and reason on its side in defending those pre-1967 borders against all comers, and the onus would be on the Palestinian Arabs to respect Israel's identity and existence.

Like Netanyahu, Grossman rejoices in the fact that Jews are no longer "weak and dependent on the capriciousness of forceful others". But he draws the opposite conclusion: that precisely because of its strength and success, Israel can afford to allow Palestinian Arabs the same identity it allows itself. This, rather than Netanyahu's more combative assertion of the need for a Greater Israel, is the message Western leaders most want to hear, as the peace process continues on its fragile way. But David Grossman is not likely to wield power in Jerusalem, and Benjamin Netanyahu is.

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Safe pair of dirty hands

Julia Neuberger

RABIN OF ISRAEL
By Robert Slater
Robson Books, £14.95

After Yitzhak Rabin's election victory in June last year, the *New York Times* columnist Anthony Lewis wrote that he "is a curt ex-general whose philosophy, if it can be called that, is pragmatism. He has no zest for any ideology. And what a difference it is. For Israel has largely been governed over the last ten years by zealots ... determined to impose their ideology whatever the cost."

Lewis summed up a very widespread reaction. There was relief among large sections of the Jewish community in many countries, while governments and politicians greeted the news with quiet hope. Something might now come about in the Middle East peace process.

One of the most significant figures in this was the then president of the United States, George Bush, who called within a few days to invite Rabin to Kennebunkport. It was an honour accorded to few other leaders, and a personal sign of hope on Bush's part that things might change. Yet, a year on, Rabin has not yet convinced the world that he is capable of delivering the change they wanted. His hopes for peace have not gone far, while his decision to expel 415 Palestinians last December, after the kidnap and murder by Hamas of a policeman, provoked international criticism.

Hamas is a growing terrorist revolutionary force within the occupied territories, and Rabin has a history of failing to understand the nature of Palestinian rage and sense of impotence. He also has a reputation — somewhat unfairly — for requiring a tough response to any rioting. He is still recalled as the defence minister who in early 1988 advocated "breaking the bones" of the violent *intifada* protesters.

Robert Slater, who has revised and updated his 1977 biography, states that Rabin denies ever advocating such behaviour, though he took responsibility for encouraging the Israeli Defence Forces to be tough with the protestors, saying: "Be more aggressive, but not with rifles," and "Beat them during a demonstration, but not otherwise."

But Slater underplays the fact that Rabin had begun to realise that the Israeli authorities had grotesquely misjudged the *intifada*: it was not a foreign-inspired rebellion, short-term and insignificant except in security terms. He desperately wanted to reduce the killings. Slater does not acknowledge sufficiently Rabin's clear desire — whatever his political failures — to move the peace process on, or his sense that only by negotiation with the Palestinians would it be possible to restore Israeli security.

It was not a sense of justice that prompted Rabin's view. Instead, it was the strategic sense of an old Israeli Defence Force hand who knew what was possible and what was not. Rabin was elected on a peace and security ticket. His personal standing was that of a non-ideological hawk. Never likely to give away territory without good reason, no dove towards the Arabs, he was trusted to make a deal, or a series of deals, that would give Israel a secure future, and a peace with its neighbours.

An analysis of that thinking is crucial to understanding why Rabin and his advisers decided to deport 415 Palestinians, failing to anticipate that Lebanon might not take them in, and then refusing at first to allow humanitarian aid to the deportees — a failure of imagination with disastrous consequences. But Slater's account is descriptive rather than analytical, and he merely reports these events, and the eventual deal with the United States over the deportees' return, without comment.

Yet Rabin is a complex, tough, war-hardened operator. He is a dirty fighter, as the excellently recorded saga of his battle against Shimon Peres for leadership of the Labour party makes clear. We need to understand the man and his thinking before we can understand events in Israel.

But, despite its length, Slater's account fails to enlighten. We learn a lot about what happened but we do not understand it much better than when we set out nearly 500 pages earlier.

Close encounter at Charing Cross

Dermot Clinch

THE GLASS-BLOWER'S BREATH
By Sunetra Gupta
Orion, £13.99

Sunetra Gupta's second novel is ambitious in many ways, but its chief peculiarity is that the entire story is told in the second person: the central character is "you" throughout. Ideas are allowed to associate with freedom: there is a sparing use of full stops at the boundaries of sentences, and a lavish way with commas instead. Direct speech is left unmarked by punctuation of any kind at all. As a result of these effects, at least to begin with it is not an easy book to read. But after 50 pages or so one is used to it and is involved in the story.

The story, prised from its environment of flashbacks and reveries, is almost straightforward. "You", Indian by origin, educated in America, living in London, is a troubled woman in need of emotional and physical adventure. She meets a man — a butcher — in the Charing Cross Road in London and soon a "smell of damp earth" is stirring within her, while the stranger's lips press against hers "with the insistence of heavy raindrops". Around this central scene various other admirers dance anguished pirouettes; but for the protagonist adultery is merely the occasion of a deeper awareness of self. As the day, and the novel, press towards their end, her actions reap a bloody harvest.

Sunetra Gupta: talented

The telling of this story in the novel is less simple than it sounds. Interleaved with fragments of other narratives and pages devoted to Hebrew orthography, or the brain's reception of verbal stimuli, this is not a novel that lends itself to *précis*. But neither, more seriously, is it one that encourages the reader to occupy its world.

The reader's sympathies for the novel's broader life are not engaged; ultimately the style is all. It is an up-front performance that you cannot help wishing were more back stage. A simple search for Elastoplast in the language of this novel becomes a venture into the "antiseptic confines of an apothecary's lair"; cheap red wine is "ruby ragwater" that "drapes like ripped silk upon your tongue".

Sunetra Gupta is an immensely talented writer; but her words flit energetically around the edges of reality rather than attempting to describe it. By the end of *The Glassblower's Breath* her talents have left us further from the truth than when we started.

In the Persian den of lions

Ronald Payne

DEATH PLUS TEN YEARS
By Roger Cooper
HarperCollins, £17.50

The first question that a reporter asked Roger Cooper when he arrived back in London after five years in a Tehran prison was: "Were you a spy?" It was a crude question, yet one which everybody wanted to ask. The Iranians had branded him as the "notorious British spy" — not that such a title means anything in a country where every foreigner is suspected of espionage, none more so than the British.

Roger Cooper is far too subtle a man to give a simple reply; he confines himself to remarking that there is no useful answer. Whatever the truth about cases like his, denial is inevitable and hence even meaningless.

What does emerge clearly is that he knew Iran too well for his own good and for the liking of the Islamic government. He had lived there as a journalist and a businessman. He had travelled widely in Iran and, having married an Iranian woman, had many friends there.

Then in December 1985, while on a working trip on behalf of an offshore oil prospecting company, two Islamic heavies grabbed him from his taxi without warning. Cooper found himself exchanging suit and tie for the grubby garb of the notorious Evin prison.

After prolonged and violent interrogation by a tormentor named Hosein, he did indeed confess to spying. There was little else he could do in the circumstances, the more so as they promised lenient treatment in return. To give some spice to the confession, he invented various agents he claimed to have worked for. Their invented names were all based on characters in Evelyn Waugh's *Men at Arms*. He also created a fictional organisation called the British *Intelligent* Service.

When Judge Nayyeri finally came to Evin to conduct a bizarre and secret trial, he dispensed with such frills as defence counsel and showed little interest in evidence. Obviously he had decided in advance that the verdict was guilty: an innocent man would not be in this prison.

"Did he offer you tea?" asked an old lag — an Iranian army colonel there on a trumped-up charge. "Then you get the death sentence." And so it was: death on an invented religious charge of fornication 25 years ago, and, for good measure, ten years for spying.

During the long period of incarceration he came to know quite a number of foreign detainees, American, European and African, all sharing the same misfortunes. His account of their adventures makes irresistible reading. The stormy winds of Anglo-Iranian relations buffeted Cooper in his miserable cell. It only needed the arrest for shoplifting of an Iranian in Manchester to set back any hope of release.

How did he manage to survive? "Sheer bloody-mindedness" is his own reply. But it was more than that, for he is a resourceful and self-contained person who translated into English a book by the Iranian minister of intelligence (the man who had him arrested), who studied mathematics and endlessly learnt from his experience. You cannot but admire a man who, even in an Islamic jail, distilled his own alcohol from rotting fruit.

It must have been all very puzzling for the Iranian guards. For here was an exceptional captive, quite unlike any others they had had to deal with. Not only did he speak Persian better than these rough fellows, he also understood the theology of their Muslim faith more thoroughly than they did. On one occasion he worried a visiting mullah with a well-informed disputation about the faith. This left the cleric amiably baffled, rather like one of those well-meaning Church of England curates reluctant to tangle with parishioners on theological questions.

Unlike most tales of prison life *Death Plus Ten Years* is a remarkably stimulating narrative. It is such a good read because Cooper, an accomplished writer, is himself a man of demanding curiosity. Despite the ludicrous trial, the savageness of his sentence, and the constant fear of sudden death by firing squad in the prison yard, he never whinges about his fate. He did of course complain at the time, and usually with great effect. The guards did not know quite what to make of him. But it emerges that they respected him as an original, even though they failed to understand his jokes.

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Middlesex aim to maintain drive for title

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

"NORTHERNERS not good enough." one headline declared yesterday after a pre-Test briefing from Keith Fletcher. In the championship, which resumes today, that is the case as Surrey pursue a Middlesex side 29 points clear. Suddenly, it has become a transpontine affair.

Unbeaten in ten matches, and fresh from successive victories over Glamorgan and Warwickshire which were achieved from unpromising positions, Mike Gatting is Alain Prost to Alec Stewart's Damon Hill. He has the greater experience of the track, is swifter at the pit-stops and has undisputed ownership of the better engine.

Unless Phil Tufnell is restored to the England team, Middlesex will not be distracted by Test calls, whereas Stewart, the Surrey captain, is joined at Headingley today by Graham Thrope and Martin Bicknell. Their team-mates will wish them well, but they could do with them at Northampton, home of the fourth-placed county.

Nobody has enjoyed a much better summer than John Emburey, who made 55 and took six for 61 at Edgbaston, where John Carr's unbeaten 192 was the highlight of a nine-wicket victory. Emburey averages 62 with the bat this season, and has taken 38 wickets in his more familiar role as off spinner.

"It's obviously a position we would prefer to be in," he said. "So long as the pitches remain dry, and the ball turns, we will be happy. It tends to turn towards the end of the match at Lord's, where we have four games to play on pitches that have already been used.

"We have a good all-round bowling attack, with players who can do the right sort of job in the right conditions. Our batsmen have not made the runs we would have liked, but once the top four start scoring more regularly, it will be even better for the bowlers."

Two of Middlesex's remaining three games away from Lord's are on the festival grounds of Scarborough and Colchester, which favour spinners. They finish the season at Worcester, where Mike Brearley ended his career as captain of the champions in 1982 — "and the pitch there should be turning by then", Emburey noted.

The pleasures of playing in a winning side have evidently not diminished his Test ambitions. "I get a bit depressed when people keep writing me off," he said. "I am still as fit as a lot of people and I'm taking wickets, making runs and holding catches.

"It's all very well going for young people, but I hope the selectors realise I have a bit to offer. I think Lathwell's a good player, for instance, but he's got a lot to prove. For one thing, he can't just kick Warne away all day, particularly when the ball is straight."

At New Road, Glamorgan, who are third, begin a week in which they will play Worcestershire three times, culminating in the NatWest Trophy quarter-final at Swansea on Tuesday. The team they beat in absurd circumstances earlier this week, Lancashire, meet Nottinghamshire in a battle of the under-achievers at Old Trafford.

COUNTY TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (11)	10	7	0	3	20	35	167
Surrey (13)	9	5	2	2	23	35	138
Glamorgan (14)	10	5	3	2	23	31	134
Northants (3)	9	4	3	2	16	31	111
Leics (8)	8	4	3	1	16	30	110
Lancs (12)	9	4	3	2	24	20	108
Worcs (17)	9	4	1	3	11	25	108
Kent (2)	10	3	2	5	25	34	107
Somerset (9)	9	4	4	1	13	27	104
Notts (4)	9	3	2	3	15	32	103
Warwicks (6)	9	3	4	2	15	28	91
Hampshire (15)	9	3	2	4	18	24	90
Essex (1)	9	2	2	5	26	28	88
Yorkshire (16)	9	3	2	4	11	29	87
Derbyshire (5)	9	1	5	3	17	28	61
Sussex (7)	9	1	5	3	14	26	55
Glouce (10)	9	0	7	2	10	27	37
Durham (18)	9	0	8	3	10	26	36

Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire records include 8 points for tied match
(1992 positions in brackets)

TIM BISHOP

Rattled: McLaughlan, of New Zealand, is comprehensively bowled by Smith, of England at Beckenham

England women down but not out

BY IVO TENNANT

BECKENHAM (England won toss): New Zealand beat England by 25 runs

IF IT was not already axiomatic, it was evident that New Zealand would be quite a proposition once they had been schooled by that most demanding of their cricketers, Glenn Turner. Their second victory in the women's World Cup was achieved in spite of being bowled out for a paltry 127 by England. Through such recoveries, finals are reached.

It had long been assumed that the winners of this match would play Australia in the final on August 1.

For some reason, though, the New Zealanders have often found England a greater bugbear than Australia. Their total was well short of what it should have been on a pitch recently re-laid. In mitigation, Beckenham has a large outfield, better suited to the days when Kent played here than to women's cricket: just ten fours were struck all day, one of them all-run.

Four of the first six in New Zealand's order got themselves out, although the captain, Sarah Illingworth, reckoned she had made her ground.

New Zealand were specially advised by Turner in the tactics of the one-day game. Since he expects only the highest standards, you knew that England still had a good deal to contend with.

The three batsmen who destroyed the Danish bowling the previous day, Janette Brittin, Helen Plimmer and Barbara Daniels, had a job to reach double figures. Brittin, a century-maker at Banstead, was brilliantly run out by Debbie Hockley from cover for 14.

It was attritional cricket throughout. Jo Chamberlain looked to hit Sara McLauchlan off her length and was held at deep mid-wicket. Off the last ten overs, 45 were needed. As happens in all limited-overs cricket, there was a needless run out or five, especially when Maybury was sent back in vain by Smithies.

The captain and Clare Taylor went through one-day shots, the former uncharacteristically down the pitch, the other smearing across the line. And that was just about that. England are by no means out of the competition, but they will do well to reach the final now.

NEW ZEALAND

P D Kinsella c Kitson b Taylor	1
T L Anderson c Plimmer b Taylor	21
D A Hockley b Hodges	20
M A M Lewis b Smithies	11
*S L Illingworth run out	6
E C Drumm c Smit b Smithies	24
K V Gunn c Smit b Smithies	7
S McLauchlan b Smith	10
J A Turner b Smith	15
J E Harris c Smithies b Smith	0
C A Campbell not out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 6)	13
Total (54.3 overs)	127

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-51, 3-64, 4-80, 5-86, 6-101, 7-108, 8-118, 9-124.

BOWLING: Chamberlain 4-0-22-0; Taylor 12-3-21-2; Smith 11.5-6-16-3; Hodges 12-2-30-1; Kitson 5-1-12-0; Smithies 10-2-23-3.

ENGLAND

J A Brittin run out	14
H C Plimmer lbw b Drumm	17
C A Hodges c Illingworth b Campbell	8
B A Daniels run out	11
*K Smithies b McLauchlan	22
J M Chamberlain c Drumm b McLauchlan	13
D Maybury run out	1
S J Kitson run out	6
C E Taylor b Harris	1
J J Smit run out	4
G A Smith not out	1
Extras (lb 2, nb 1)	4
Total (57.2overs)	102

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-39, 3-40, 4-65, 5-79, 6-87, 7-91, 8-92, 9-100.

BOWLING: Turner 8-1-17-0; Campbell 12-7-14-1; Harris 8.2-1-20-1; Gunn 12-4-14-0; Drumm 5-3-11-1; McLauchlan 12-1-23-2.

Umpires: A Garson and V Williams.

Botham starts in familiar style

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE timing was as perfect as you would expect from a seasoned veteran of the stage and television studio. Ian Botham, swashbuckling star of English cricket, finally bowed out of the game he has, by and large, dominated for 20 years and as he exited stage left yesterday, so, stage right, entered his son and potential heir as the nation's premier all-rounder, Liam Botham. Botham Jr wasted little time in showing he has already learned his lines.

On the day that Durham confirmed that Botham Sr has played his last match for the county, the former England all-rounder's 15-year-old son made his debut for Hampshire's second XI against Worcestershire at Southampton, taking four wickets for the loss of 63 runs off 18 overs as a first-change seam bowler. It was an entrance very much in the family tradition.

So too was the confident response Botham Jr delivered to the phalanx of cameras, notebooks and tape recorders that greeted his arrival at the County Ground before play got under way. Asked what the future may hold for the new generation, he said: "I just want to do as well as I possibly can and enjoy myself playing cricket.

"I want to be more succesful than my father, I want to play Test cricket, take more wickets, score more runs and take more catches than he did in his career. I see myself as an all-rounder and I'm here to do as well as I can."

His timing, too, was spot-on. Botham Jr's arrival coincided with Durham deciding not to accept his father's offer to continue playing in the one-day AXA Equity and Law Sunday League until the end of the season, despite retiring from the first-class game on Monday. "It is best to accept that Ian has played his final game for us," the Durham chief executive, Geoff Cook, said. "The match against Australia was a fitting way for him to go."

Border's criticism of Lloyd played down

ALLAN Border yesterday escaped disciplinary action after criticising the match referee, Clive Lloyd, on the eve of the fourth Test at Headingley.

Border, the captain of Australia, was annoyed by Lloyd's decision to officially warn his team during the third Test because of their appealing.

"Trent Bridge was overplayed in my opinion," Border said. "We weren't reported by the umpires as far as I know. It was an overreaction from the referee.

"I think if you checked with the umpires they would be disappointed it was made public. It was the fault of the referee — he has got to realise his responsibilities."

Border's comments clearly broke international cricket's code of conduct, but last night Lloyd issued a statement in an attempt to take the heat out of the situation.

"I've had a meeting with the Australian management," he said. "It was quite clear that Allan Border was under a misapprehension about the complaint from the umpires. This was made clear to him and he and the management now accept that a formal warning was issued. The matter is now closed."

The umpires, Barrie Meyer and Roy Palmer, complained about Australia's "constant appealing, questioning of decisions and abusive language" on the Saturday of the match at Trent Bridge, when Border was off the field.

SPORTS LETTERS

Coaches must heed dangers of over-training

From Mr Tom Hudson

Sir, British sport must take a very questioning look at itself in the light of Craig Lord's report (July 14) about one of our most talented young swimmers, Ian Wilson, falling victim to fatigue and over-training syndrome.

Elite-level sport is a full-time occupation: athletes compete or train seven days a week: our top footballers play 60 or more games a season, rugby players nearly as many.

One might look in amazement at the top athletes' programmes, even in the recent past. John Walker, the great New Zealander, hardly missed an international meeting of consequence for ten years; Peter Elliott ran forty 800-metres races in one season.

Top middle and long-distance athletes run over 100 miles every week, or 14 to 15 miles every day; young gymnasts train four hours a day; young swimmers swim 30 to 50 miles a week. In Wilson's case, an amazing 100km and a further five hours in the gymnasium, surely giving cause for concern in the way he has been advised. The effects of these programmes and training regimes, together with all the travelling and the demands of an academic course, put considerable demands on body and mind.

The individual must decide whether he or she can, or should, keep up this hectic pace, but are athletes in a position to make informed decisions?

The Sports Council is trying to bring together medical and coaching expertise through the National Coaching Foundation, but its impact is likely to be gradual. I am told there is a body of knowledge on preventive aspects of coaching and training, but I am not sure how well these lessons are learned.

Stress and over-training have cast shadows over leading athletes, such as Steve Ovett, Sebastian Coe, Steve Cram and David Moorcroft. Many countries support their athletes and coaches by providing full medical, scientific and coaching resources. In Britain, however, there is a continuing lack of support for athletes, as a consequence of which they receive inadequate and unco-ordinated care.

Frank Dick, one of our more enlightened directors of coaching, stated that at any one time 25 per cent of athletes eligible for selection at international level were unavailable because of illness or injury.

It would be Utopian to try to saddle athletes with a code of compulsory moderation, but, as the coach or teacher of today becomes more aware of scientific information related to the athletes' potential, his own training becomes more demanding. In addition, he must rely on those academic colleagues who have the time and intellectual capacity to review, interpret and apply research and sophisticated literature to actual situations.

Yours faithfully,
TOM HUDSON,
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Ashley, nr Box, Wiltshire.

Norman sets fine example

From Mr Mark Benson

Sir, You published a letter from me on July 27, 1989, which commented on Greg Norman's sporting nature on losing the play-off in the Open golf championship played at Royal Troon. His approach to defeat then had a lot in common with his conduct in victory this year. He remains the ultimate sportsman, with an outstanding talent and a unique understanding of how and why one should acknowledge one's fellow players, irrespective of a game's outcome.

My previous letter suggested that Norman offered a ray of light to a world of sport with so many fraying edges. Golf and sport in general should now benefit from being lit up by this great sportsman. We could all learn a lot by being as gracious in defeat as we are in victory. Norman is a winner and so too is sport.

Yours faithfully,
MARK BENSON,
42 Formosa Street, W9.

Revenue shortfall

From the Chief Executive of the British Greyhound Racing Board

Sir, Your racing correspondent rightly draws attention (July 15) to numbers of off-course bookmakers who have deliberately held back levy payments from the government's £11m cut in betting duty on horse racing.

Announcing the scheme in March 1992, the Chancellor pointed out that the proportion of the revenue deduction attributable to greyhound racing should be collected and passed back to the sport by way of voluntary payments.

It would be fair to explain also that greyhound racing is experiencing a serious shortfall in the revenue from betting shops compared with original estimates. The Home Office last year made known that greyhound racing should expect to receive in the region of £3.5 million from this ¼ per cent reduction in betting duty. On the last count, the Greyhound Trust had received only £1.9 million from off-course bookmakers.

I agree with the comments of Rodney Brack, chief executive of the Levy Board, about the disappointing numbers of bookmakers who have so far made voluntary payments, given that they are still charging customers ten per cent deductions and keeping the money in their pockets.

This situation is all the more trying for greyhound racing because it does not receive an off-course levy, although the bookmakers make the same deductions from winning bets. To fail to pass on the ¼ per cent duty reduction which the Treasury has forgone, whilst already benefiting from an extra one per cent "levy" which they do not pay to greyhound racing, is indefensible.

Yours faithfully,
ARCHIE NEWHOUSE,
Chief Executive, British Greyhound Racing Board,
24/28, Oval Road, NW1.

Selective England

From Mr Inglis James

Sir, A number of your correspondents are arguing quite strongly against non-English-born players being selected for Test cricket teams.

As a non-Englishman, may I ask two questions:

1. Are the selectors already excluding Glamorgan players for this very reason?
2. Should this policy be extended to rugby and association football and, dare I say it, athletics?

Yours faithfully,
INGLIS JAMES,
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Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

From Mr Mike Madden

Sir, It has taken *Come Dancing* to put into perspective the controversy over the selection for the England cricket team of players not born and raised in this country.

Introducing the final round, formation dancing, between Sheffield and London North on Monday evening, Rosemary Ford solemnly announced that, as formation dance teams are becoming less common, Sheffield would be represented by a team of 16 from Glamorgan, who duly wiped the dance floor with their opponents.

Is it yet too late to replace England's nominated team for the Headingley Test with the current West Indies XI?

Yours faithfully,
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Worcestershire.

Motoring curse

From Mr Antony Powys-Lybbe

Sir, Has the Williams motor racing team manager, I wonder, read Sir H. Segrave's description of the Sunbeam team practices in the 1920s?

In *The Lure of Speed*, he wrote: "If . . . one of us gets the lead, neither of the other two cars is allowed to pass him so long as he stays in the lead. The reason is obvious. If a man obtains the lead through good driving, and then his immediate rivals drop out, enabling him to continue in the lead at a more reasonable speed, he should be allowed to do this, and not be pressed by any of his team mates."

Perhaps the use of common sense would be enough to exorcise the curse.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
ANTONY POWYS-LYBBE,
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Buckinghamshire.

Mixed feelings

From Mr Don Anthony

Sir, Congratulations to the British Athletic Federation on introducing — at long last — hammer and pole vault for women. I bet they will not dare to bring in a two-men-plus-two-women relay. Yet this would do for athletics what mixed tennis does for Wimbledon.

Yours faithfully,
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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco Giants 8, Montreal Expos 3; Cincinnati Reds 8, Chicago Cubs 3; Colorado Rockies 6, Florida Marlins 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 2, Houston Astros 1; Atlanta Braves 8, St Louis Cardinals 5; San Diego Padres 4, New York Mets 1; Philadelphia Phillies 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 2.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 9, Oakland Athletics 5; Minnesota Twins 4, Detroit Tigers 3; Seattle Mariners 8, New York Yankees 5; Baltimore Orioles 7, Kansas City Royals 0; Boston Red Sox 2, California Angels 1; Chicago White Sox 2, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Texas Rangers 5, Milwaukee Brewers 1.

CRICKET

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: Nottingham: India 155-5 (A Jain 84 not out); West Indies 92 (India won by 63 runs in match reduced to 52 overs, Warrington: Holland 53 (J Culver 4-8); Australia 55-0, Australia won by 10 wickets. Shanley, Hertfordshire: Ireland 82-6; New Zealand 83-4, New Zealand won by 6 wickets in match reduced to 39 overs. Wetherby: India 108 (S Gupta 32 not out; S Bow 4-19, K Brown 3-19); Australia 114-3 (D Annetts 40 not out, B Clark 35). Australia won by 7 wickets.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Marlow: Buckinghamshire 134 and 28-0; Cumberland 225-5 dec (S M Jamieson 59, D J Makinson 69 not out) Jesmond: Northumberland 192-7 dec; Norfolk 210-7 dec (S G Plumb 57, S C Goldsmith 57). Bowdon: Devon 139-9 dec and 0-1; Cheshire 177-8 dec (R Hignett 77 not out). Luton: Bedfordshire 169-8 dec (S D L Davis 56) and 134 (C J Birt 63 not out; P G Newman 6-14), Staffordshire 202-6 dec (S D Myles 91, D D Cartledge 63) and 102-2. Staffordshire won by 8 wickets.
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 301-9 dec (G F Archer 68); Somerset 29-3. Bristol: Essex 267 (N Shahid 57, R J Rollins 51, A M Smith 5-73); Gloucestershire 72-2. Seaton Carew: Durham 306-8 dec (D M Jones 73, M P Briers 73, J D Glendenen 55, C Penn 4-58); Kent 237-1. Chesterfield: Lancashire 372-5 dec (S P Titchard 94, J D Fitton 71); Derbyshire 56-1. Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire 287-9 dec (S Fleming 79, R Montgomerie 56, A Walker 50); Yorkshire 17-0.
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Leek: Banbury: Northamptonshire 241-3 (R J Warren 100); Glamorgan 191 (R O Jones 50, A Walker 4-17). Northamptonshire won by 50 runs. Guildford: Surrey 219-9 (R I Alikhan 51); Middlesex 213-7 (P N Weekes 56) Surrey won by 6 runs.
WOOLWICH: Representative match: Essex II 222-7 (55 overs; Diwan 67, Shaw 61); Surrey 114 (Harvey 5-21).
SCHOOLS MATCH: Enfield GS 207-8 dec, RGS, Reigate 62-4.

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: British open championships: Singles: First round: C N Williams bt P Tavender, +3, +23; G N Aspinall bt W Laure, +12, +8; I J Burridge bt K M H Allan, +15, +9tp, M E W Heap bt D L Gaunt, -17, +7tp, +17; J D Hector bt T R Burge, +25tp, +20. Second round: R I Pulford bt J P Dawson, +26tp, +15tp; D L Gunasekera bt G W Noble, -25tp, +18, +7; C N Williams bt M N Avery, -21, +14, +15; R L Bamford bt A J Gregory, +23, +11; S N Mortimer bt J P Goddard, +8, +13tp, A Wasterby bt W T Coles, +26, +25tp; A T Staunn bt M Murray, -17, +12, +19; S Cornish bt I J Burridge, +17, +26tp, D B Maugham bt D A Cornelius, +17tp, -14 dtp, +26tp.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Hungary 9, Portugal 2; Romania 0, Turkey 3. Group two: England 4, Holland 1; France 1, Spain 4.
OTHER MATCHES: Bradford 2, Middlesbrough 3; Leyton Orient 3, Arsenal 3; Reading 2, Chelsea 1.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Victoria 3, South Africa XV 78 (in Melbourne); Counties 22, Western Samoa XV 41 (in Pukekohe); New South Wales Country XV 18, England Under-21 XV 47 (in Port Macquarie); Mashonaland 10, Ireland Development XV 22 (in Harare).

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA Imperial meeting: Inter-services short-range cup: 1, RAF, 1,164.143; 2, UK Cadets, 1,149.133; 3, TA, 1,1141.114. Inter-services long-range cup: 1, RAF, 1,135.104; 2, Regular Army, 1,101.87; 3, UK Police, 1,094.82. Daily Mail Cup (500 yds): 1, G Van Zyl (SA), 50/25.3; 2, C Beecher (Stock Exchange), 50/24.4; 3, I Jones (Jersey), 24.3. Young rifleman's aggregate: 1, G Anderson (Old Marlburian), 148.19; 2, E Demers (Canadian Cadets), 148.18; 3, J Lloyd (Wellington College), 147.19.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 42, Wolverhampton 38; Arena Essex 55, Belle Vue 53.

SWIMMING

LEEDS: National age-group championships: Boys: 17/18: 100m freestyle: M Carl (Redbridge Borough), 53.11sec. 16: 100m freestyle: P Bolt (Leatherhead), 53.80. Girls: 17/18: 200m freestyle: H Billington (St Helens), 2min 05.87sec. 100m backstroke: V Russell (Ire), 1:07.59.

TENNIS

FRANKFURT: Federation Cup: Second round: Czech and Slovak Republics bt Italy, 2-1 (Czech and Slovak names first: H Sukova bt F Bentivoglio, 6-4, 6-2; J Novotna lost to S Cecchini, 6-3, 2-6, 3-6; Sukova and Novotna bt Cecchini and Silvia Farina, 6-2, 6-2); Spain bt Indonesia, 3-0 (Spanish names first: C Martinez bt R Tedjakusuma, 6-1, 6-1; A Sánchez Vicario bt Y Basuki, 6-1, 6-2; V Ruano and C Torrens bt Basuki and Tedjakusuma, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3); United States bt China, 2-1 (US names first: L Davenport bt Ying Bo, 6-1, 6-3; L McNeil lost to Fang Li, 7-6, 6-7, 0-6; Davenport and McNeil bt Chen Li and Yi Jing-Qian, 6-3, 6-0); Australia bt Denmark, 3-0 (Australian names first: M Jaggard-Lai bt S Albinus, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1; N Provis bt K Piaszek, 7-6, 7-5; E Smylie and R Stubbs bt Piaszek and T Scheuer-Larsen, 6-0, 6-1); France bt Sweden, 3-0 (French names first: J Heiard bt A Carlsson, 6-2, 6-3; N Tauziat bt C Dahlman, 6-1, 7-6; Tauziat and Heiard bt M Strandlund and M Lindstrom, 6-2, 6-3); Holland bt Latvia, 3-0 (Dutch names first: S Rottier bt U Bushevitza, 6-4, 6-2; M Oremans bt A Blumbergs, 7-5, 6-2; Oremans and K Boogert bt Bushevitza and Blumbergs, 6-2, 6-3; Jacobi Israel with Finland, 1-1 (Japanese names first: M Endo bt P Thoren 6-3, 6-2; N Sawamatsu lost to N Dahlmen 2-6, 3-6); Bulgaria level with Argentina, 1-1 (Bulgarian names first: K Maleeva lost to I Gottschalegui, 3-6, 2-6; M Maleeva bt F Labat, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3). Play-off round: Germany bt Austria, 2-0 (doubles not played); South Africa bt Israel, 2-1; South Korea bt New Zealand, 3-0; Canada bt Uruguay, 3-0.
STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First round: K Skoasch (Ger) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; J Sánchez (Sp) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; H Skoff (Austria) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 6-3, 6-3. Second round: T Muster (Austria) bt D Vacek (Cz), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt G Prpic (Cro), 6-2, 6-4; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt F Clavet (Sp), 7-6, 6-3; M Ondruska (SA) bt F Davin (Arg), 7-5, 6-3; M Gölitner (Ger) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-4, 6-3; M Filippini (Uru) bt C Pistine (Fr), 6-3, 2-6, 7-5; M Stich (Ger) bt Skoff, 6-4, 7-5; C Costa (Sp) bt G Markus (Arg), 6-1, 6-2; T Carbonell (Sp) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-4, 3-6; E Sánchez (Sp) bt M Larsson (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; A Berasategui (Sp) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
WASHINGTON: Men's tournament: First round (US unless stated): P McEnroe bt M Sell, 6-2, 6-2; J Carlsson (Swe) bt R Agenor (Hait), 5-7, 7-6, 7-6; S Stolle (Aus) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; D Nainkin bt K Thoma, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; J Cunha-Silva (Por) bt B Gilbert, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; S MacPhie bt D Randall, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; D Rostagno bt G Stafford (SA), 6-3, 6-3; J Yzaga (Peru) bt J Bates (GB), 7-6, 6-3; G Pozzi (It) bt M Damm (Cz), 3-6, 6-2, 7-6; L Mattar (Br) bt T Ho, 6-1, 6-2; P Baur (Ger) bt C Sacasmu (Ge), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; C Adamas bt G Bloom (Isr), 6-1, 6-3. Second round: T Martin bt M Haidal (Col), 6-3, 6-3.
MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: H Sprung (Austria) bt D Fisher, 6-4, 6-4; T O'Reilly bt E Roubanova (Russ), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; C Benjamin bt L Field (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; S McCarthy bt A Leand, 6-2, 6-4; P Cesaletti bt C Fuchs, 6-0, 6-0; S McCarthy bt E Burgin, 6-2, 6-3; M Paz (Arg) bt V Menga (Br), 6-0, 6-1; N Louarsabishvily (Geo) bt S Schmidle (Ger), 6-4, 6-4; B Bowes bt T Morton (Aus), 6-3, 7-5; P O'Reilly bt S Komleva (Russ), 6-4, 5-1; C O'Reilly bt J Yin, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Second round: M Fernandez bt Sprung, 6-0, 6-2.

YACHTING

470 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Third race: 1, Nakamura and Takan (Japan); 2, Bressani and Della Torre (It); 3, Westerland and Wallis (Swe); 4, Rensch and Haverland (Ger); 5, Tapper and Tepper (Fin). British placings: 17, Mierikes and Rice; 24, Brotherton and Calder. Fourth race: 1, Calafat and Sánchez (Sp), 2, Kerte and Jarvi (Fin); 3, Cochrane and Curtis (Can); 4, Berthet and Berthet (Fr); 5, Poortieu and Espinasse (Fr). British placings: 28, Brotherton and Calder; 48, Mierikes and Rice.
CHRISTCHURCH, Dorset: International moth world championships: Fourth race: 1, T Collyer (GB); 2, R Angel (GB); 3, E Ladich (Aus); 4, S Payne (GB); 5, R Westbury (GB); 6, A Coxall (Australia). Fifth race: 1, Angel; 2, Payne; 3, Collyer; 4, Ladich; 5, N Spence (GB); 6, Westbury.
LASER 2 FRIEKENET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Fourth race: 1, Sayce and Ross; 2, Fitzpatrick and McHugh; 3, Craig and O'Donohugh.

BADMINTON

GRAND PRIX: Singles: Men: 1, H Arbi (Indo), 1,240pts; 2, T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den), 830; 3, A Wiranata (Indo), 675. 4, J Suprianto (Indo), 740; 5, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 685; 6, Kim Hak-kyun (S Kor), 460; 7, Rashid Sidek (Malay), 375; 8, Park Sung-woo (S Kor), 365; 9, Fung Permadi (Indo), 355; 10, Foo Kok Keong (Malay), 346. Women: 1, S Susanti (Indo), 1,080pts; 2, Lim Xiaoqing (Swe), 880; 3, Bang Soo-hyun (S Kor), 680; 4, Y Santoso (Indo), 605; 5, Yu Zhaojing (China), 570; 6, S Jeroense (Thai), 475; 7, Z Abdullah (Sing), 455; 8, M Timur (Indo), 450; 9, C Magnusson (Swe), 435; 10, S Kusumawardhani (Indo), 415.

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RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Lancashire. Seaton Carew: Durham v Kent. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex. Southampton: Hampshire v Worcestershire. Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire. Nottingham: Nottinghamshire v Somerset. The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex. Nuneaton (Griff and Coton): Warwickshire v Leicestershire.
OTHER MATCHES (55 overs): Edgbaston: England Amateur XI v Ireland. Walsall: Scotland v Wales.

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated
EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP (all 7.15): Group one: Turkey v Portugal (at Notts County); Romania v Hungary (at Derby County). Group two: Spain v England (at Walsall); France v Holland (at Stoke City).
OTHER MATCHES: Bury St Edmunds v Ipswich Town; St Albans v Brentford; Northampton Town v Floriana (at Wellingborough Town); Southport v Bury; Peterlee v York City (7.0); Kettering Town v Port Vale.

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: British open championships (Hurlingham).
SHOOTING: NRA Imperial meeting (Bisley).

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Headingley will provide test of England's overdue revival

John Woodcock looks forward to the challenge facing a new-look team in today's fourth Test match

Things looked up in the third Test match at Trent Bridge, albeit against a broken-down Australian attack. English hopes were raised by a reconstituted side. The fourth Test, starting at Headingley today, should give us a better idea of the extent to which this was justified.

English cricket-lovers had become sick and tired of seeing the same old faces committing the same old errors. I could understand why Gooch had stood by Hick and Smith and Gatting — he was convinced that they were among the six best batsmen in England and, in that, he was probably right — but the England dressing room must have begun to seem like an abyss.

As if by public demand, other, younger batsmen had to be given a chance and, when Thorpe and Hussain did so well, it was inevitable that the selectors should not be applauded for getting something right so much as admonished for not having acted sooner. It was to the selectors' credit, for all that, that they persevered with Smith ahead of Hick and Gatting, both of whom had looked more like getting the measure of Warne in the second Test at Lord's.

Where the selectors were more culpable was in not acknowledging from the start of the series the need for at least one left-handed batsman. They had not done their prep — or, if they had, they had chosen to ignore the lessons of it. Why, when it is common knowledge that even the best leg-spinners have an aversion to bowling at left-handers, did the selectors scoff at the idea? They should have known that when Australia beat West Indies in Melbourne last December, Warne took one for 65 in 24 overs in West Indies' first innings, when he bowled only four balls at their right-handers, and seven for 52 in the second, when the right-handers could find no hiding place.

The irony of the left-handed Thorpe's arrival is that it has made the left-handed Gower's return much less likely. If Gatting was to be made captain to the West Indies next winter, he might conceivably manage to get Gower on to the plane, but it is a slender chance. In India earlier this year and in the first two Tests this summer, when Gower's touch could have been so useful, he was to be heard, as likely as not, scoring freely at the microphone. With a future awaiting him there, he may decide to make this season his last, in which case we have only a few weeks left in which to marvel at his timing.

Unless Thorpe played above himself at Trent Bridge, his destiny depends now upon his temperament and courage. What he did in his first Test match could be compared to returning a 66 in the first round of an Open Championship. Different pressures will apply and there will be a new level of expectation when he goes in to bat at Headingley. Hussain is slightly different in that he has already done battle in the West Indies, where he got, as it were, a mention in despatches, and nobody has ever doubted his ability.

Between 1889, the year of the first Test at Headingley, and 1981, England took the field there only twice without a member of the Yorkshire side of the day — in 1921 and 1976. Today, they will do so for the thirteenth year in succession, Old having been the last in 1981, the occasion when the indomitable, irrepressible, irreplaceable Botham set up a famous English victory.

It is not an entirely romantic notion that England used to be only as strong as Yorkshire were. Until their decline set in, Yorkshiremen simply never contemplated failure. Even the strongest of touring sides would view their visits to Headingley or Bramall Lane or Park Avenue to play Yorkshire as a kind of extra Test match.

Now, not only is the Yorkshire captaincy one of the more thankless jobs in English cricket, so is the Headingley groundman's. Ever since spin began to go out of fashion some 30 years ago, the groundsman there has come under regular fire, although I fancy the Test pitch itself has not changed all that much since Australia scored 404 for three on it in 5½ hours (114.1 overs) to win the Headingley Test of 1948.

England placed their hopes in those days even in the occasional spin of Hutton and Compton. In more recent years, as the medium-pacers have taken over, England have been as likely to go into a Headingley Test without a spinner as with one. The ball tends to move all over the place now, not because of the groundsman's incompetence, though he usually cops the blame, but because of the way atmospheric conditions and a lush outfield, which keeps the shine on the ball, have come to be exploited.

Umpires, too, know to expect a hard time at Headingley, with the bat being beaten more consistently than on other grounds. Being appointed to stand there is seen by them as drawing the short straw.

Yet, given good weather, the modern Headingley Test is seldom dull and rarely inconclusive. Wherever England play these days, they need all the help they can get to bowl their opponents out twice and nowhere do they have more chance of finding it than at Headingley. Even such a manifestly immature England side can at least be as eager as the Australians, whose conviction cannot be quite what it was a month ago.

Slater climbs to the top with nimble footwork

Michael Henderson traces the emergence of Michael Slater, an outstanding Australian batsman, who is the son of an Englishman

TED DITCHBURN

Gunning for England: Michael Slater and his English-born father, Peter, will be looking for an Australian victory in the third Test, which begins at Headingley today

Last Saturday evening, in the lee of the city's imposing Norman cathedral, a Durham restaurant hosted a union of enough cousins, uncles and aunts, 22 in all, to make a respectable performance of *HMS Pinafore*. They had gathered to honour one of their own, 23 years of age, who has already made impressive strides in the outside world.

Michael Slater is an authentic English name. In another age he might have warded off Picts from the neighbouring castle with a pikestaff. Except this Slater is the Australian son of an Englishman, and wields a cricket bat that may appear equally offensive to the bowlers he has tarried this summer.

It is never wise to be too chauvinistic about which colours class wears. As much as people may want England to reclaim the territory they have ceded to the Australians when the third Test begins today at Headingley, it is no hardship to acknowledge Slater as the year's outstanding discovery.

If he had given his in-laws a full account of "my wonderful tour" there would not have been much time left to discuss anything else. The first Australian to pass 1,000 runs on the tour, Slater made such a regal century in the second Test at Lord's that the Queen need not have bothered to come on the Monday.

When, that night, he phoned his old coach at Wagga Wagga, Warren Smith, a man he credits with instilling the virtues of sound technique and nimble footwork, the old boy filled up, as well he might. A tutor's work is not always so faithfully represented for all the world to see.

A simple method was the key to Slater's batting then, as it is now. "From a young age he put me through basic exercises involving footwork. It is really a simple game that can be made to appear a lot harder." So there.

If Slater's selection for this tour, as an uncapped batsmen with only 12 first-class matches behind him, surprised the England management, a former chairman of selectors was not jolted in the least. Alec Bedser saw Slater make 126 for New South Wales against Western Australia last winter and promptly called Don Bradman to say: "I've seen someone who reminds me of you."

Slater is bashful at the memory. "Alec and his brother were visiting Bob Radford, the chief executive of the New South Wales Cricket Association, and I heard that Alec had mentioned something about me to The Don. On the last day of the match, Alec came to see me and said it had been a good innings."

To get as far as he has done, Slater has shown great tenacity. In May, 1989, as a 19-year-old at the Cricket Academy in Adelaide, he was returning from a training session with Michael Bevan when a car knocked him off his bike.

"That affected the next two seasons. My lower back was always sore, I sat in discomfort all the time and everything was really hard work. My word, I didn't know whether I would get over it fully and play again at the same level."

So when the healed Slater re-emerged last winter he had something to prove to himself, no less than others. "I had a good first half of the Sheffield Shield season and my fiancée suggested that if I maintained that form I might make the tour.

"At the time I just laughed, but at Christmas I came home and spoke with my father. I thought then that if I kept scoring runs, and threw in a couple of hundreds, I could get a chance." New South Wales winning the shield could not have hurt either.

Although Matthew Hayden, his competitor for the other opener's place, settled quickly back in May, Slater's hundred at Taunton in the second county match presaged a run of scores that entitled him to face the new ball at Old Trafford with Mark Taylor, his fellow townsman.

That first Test was only the second time the pair had batted together in first-class cricket and gave Wagga Wagga a memorable first. With a population of 53,000, it is rather like two comparative strangers from Macclesfield opening the batting for England.

Peter Slater, who left Lancashire in 1965 and is now a lecturer in the school of agriculture at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, felt no conflicting loyalties when his son walked out to bat at Old Trafford. "You tend to follow players when you leave a country but when those personalities retire you are not familiar with the new faces. Then you start to support the home country, particularly when your kids make it."

Slater senior's first sight of his son in England was at Derby last week when he crashed, bashed and smashed a quickfire 100, as the tabloids might say. An average of 84 from 16 innings will not discourage him from attacking the England bowlers again at Leeds. "There will be times when I have to play an innings to save a Test, but I think you still have to be aggressive. The way I see it, I have a bat in my hands and it should be used to score runs."

Slater admits he was out to a "lazy" shot at Lord's and does not object to the suggestion he might have made a century at Manchester. "He will be a better player when he inherits some of David Boon's experience," his father said. "He keeps getting himself out, but let's leave him as he is. It's such a refreshing change to see someone bat like that."

Should a further witness be required, then step forward Neil Harvey, the most gilded left-hander in Australian cricket history. "Michael is an extremely good player, one of the best I have seen for many years. I enjoy the way he gives the ball the full face of his bat but his footwork is the key. He moves back and across initially which gives him the platform to go either further back or forward."

No one who has warmed to Slater's batting this summer needs to be in any doubt which way this pleasant young man is going. *En avant.*

Sparkling display by Lions

GREAT Britain's amateur rugby league Young Lions won for the second time on their tour of Australian when they beat Western Region 54-4 yesterday.

The forwards carried on where they left off in their excellent display during the 24-12 defeat in the first international against Australia on Sunday. A try by Jonathan Roper, which he converted himself, gave the Lions the lead in the thirteenth minute before the home team hit back with a try by Kane Coghlan.

That, though, was the only blemish on an otherwise flawless performance from the Young Lions, who moved into a 22-4 lead at half-time, with tries from the substitute, Hill, Ferris and Gouldbourne. Thompson kicked two goals.

In the second half, the floodgates opened with Gouldbourne's second try after three minutes, converted by Cox. Cain, Carter, Haigh, Rasburn (2) scored further tries, and Thompson kicked three more goals.

Terry Fitzsimmons, the manager, said: "This win has maintained the momentum. With one game left before the second Test, the belief is stronger than ever that we can achieve an historic win."

Cash in hand takes effect on bidding

Lucrative challenge matches and the growing influence of computers are expanding the frontiers of bridge. **Albert Dormer** reports

Challenge matches between groups of bridge experts eager to prove that their pet bidding methods are best — known as systems wars — are breaking out again. The latest originates in Italy and is aimed at superseding the world's most frequently-used convention, the Stayman Two Club response to One No Trump.

The challenge is for $50,000 (about £34,000) a side and is addressed to all-comers. It has been taken up by a United States squad, but Britain has a proprietary, if not widely acknowledged, interest.

The challenger is Leandro Burgay, head of Deltavision, whose television soap series, *Manuella*, is distributed worldwide. He is a bridge Olympiad silver medal-winner who enjoys inventing new conventions.

He calls his latest Two Clubs Burgay and it neatly inverts the key principle of the Stayman convention: instead of asking your partner whether he has a four-card major (hearts or spades) suit, you tell him whether you yourself have one. A claimed advantage is that opponents are left more in the dark when defending the hand.

When Burgay threw down the gauntlet he set a uniquely restrictive condition. Each one of the 96 deals in the match must be opened with a bid of One No Trump. To this end, a computer will ensure that only hands suitable for a strong One No Trump opening are dealt.

On many hands there will be opportunities to use one or other of the rival conventions, so in theory we should learn which is better. But the $50,000 purse has attracted one of the world's top foursomes, whose innate talent could well overcome any advantage that the Burgay convention may have.

Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, both in their thirties, are in their prime, and have been at the top for several years. Meckwell, as the close-knit pairing is known to other experts, are no strangers to systemic conflict. They led the Scientists to victory over the Naturalists in London last year. With their team-mates, Paul Soloway and Bobby Goldman, they are among the biggest fee-earners on the lucrative North American circuit.

Stayman: influential

Burgay's squad includes a former world champion, Dano De Falco, two of France's Olympiad champions, Herve Mouiel and Alain Levy, and Burgay himself.

The narrow focus of the challenge recalls the king's gambit chess tournaments contested by leading masters 100 years ago, when predained early moves ensured a feast for analysts who wanted to study the moves that followed.

When the match takes place on October 1 and 2, there will be no more interested observer than Sam Stayman himself. The former world champion, now 84, lives in New York.

However, few Americans realise that the now almost universal method of responding to One No Trump was actually developed by the Briton, Ewart Kempson, years before Stayman's name became attached to it. The convention later became a part of Britain's highly popular Acol system.

The match in New York will be played with bidding boxes and with screens placed diagonally across the table to prevent partners from seeing each other. This is done not because illicit communication is feared but to avoid ethical problems, such as those that can arise from mannerisms and intonation.

Burgay was once a controversial figure for his role in Italy's "Bridgegate". He taped a telephone conversation that allegedly discussed methods of signalling with cigarettes by two Italian world championship players. Burgay passed the tape to the Italian bridge federation, which did not want to know. Instead, he handed the tape on to the World Bridge Federation, with reverberations that still echo.

The use of computers in systems battles is part of an impending revolution as a computer literate and internationally minded generation takes over, forming bridge relationships that ignore barriers of space and time.

Even before the opening of the Channel Tunnel, English Bridge Union events are no longer "the only game in town". More adventurous players are increasingly attracted to continental tournaments, especially in France and Holland.

Information technology will reinforce this trend. Computer programmes were harder to develop for bridge than for chess, but the problems have been solved and bulletin boards now make it possible to compete against, and even join in partnership with, players anywhere in the world.

Computers also underlie such events as the Epson Worldwide Bridge Contest, which attracts the biggest field in any game, with more than 100,000 players competing simultaneously in over 90 countries.

Traditionalists may miss the social dimension, but younger players are more interested in testing their intellectual powers to the limit. The most prolific computer-users at present are at universities in the United States with easy access to such communications networks as Internet, but the scene is expected to change dramatically and quickly.

For the young especially, the use of modern technology to overcome national barriers and pursue a common interest has strong appeal.

Germans restore measure of pride

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GERMANY, whose defence of the Federation Cup women's team tennis championship ended on Tuesday when they were defeated by Australia in the first round, salvaged some pride and avoided the ignominy of having to qualify for next year's event in Frankfurt yesterday.

The Germans, deprived of their leading players by injury, recovered to defeat Austria in a play-off. Yesterday, Anke Huber had to drop out of the match with the Austrians because she was suffering from a back strain. That futher weakened the team after Steffi Graf's withdrawal with a shoulder injury that was sustained in her surprise defeat by Nicole Provis in the Australian tie.

Nevertheless, Barbara Rittner and Sabine Hack stepped in to replace Huber and Graf and ease the Germans through. Rittner beat Barbara Schett 6-2, 4-6, 8-6 and Hack outplayed Judith Wiesner 6-2, 6-1.

Austria now have to play in next year's qualifying tournament for a place in the 1994 finals, which will be held at the Frankfurt Waldstadion for the last time before the competition adopts a Davis Cup-style format.

There were no such stumbles from the French yesterday as they swept into the quarter-finals at the expense of Sweden. Julie Halard outplayed Asa Carlsson 6-2, 6-3 in the first rubber, then Nathalie Tauziat survived some second-set nerves to beat Cecilia Dahlmann 6-1, 7-6, winning the tie-break 7-5 to give France an unbeatable 2-0 lead.

France now play either the third-seeded combined Czech and Slovak Republics team or Italy for a place in the semi-finals.

Spain, the second seeds and now firm favourites to win the championship, brushed aside plucky Indonesia to reach the last eight. Their powerful clay-court singles line-up of Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez proved too strong for their lesser-known and lower-ranked opponents, Romana Tedjakusuma and Yayuk Basuki.

Britain's future in the top flight lies in the hands of Clare Wood and Jo Durie, who play Poland today in a relegation play-off. Wood is expected to play Katarzyna Nowak, ranked No 193 in the world, and Durie will meet either Katarzyna Teodorowicz, ranked 211th, or the unranked Magdelena Moroz.

Induráin extends overall Tour de France lead despite struggles in the Pyrenees

Jaskula climbs to first stage success

By Our Sports Staff

ALL things are relative, but when Miguel Induráin shows any sign of stress, it is enough to breathe a little life into a Tour de France that has long threatened to become merely a demonstration of the great Spaniard's talents. But only a little. Induráin's first perceptible grimace in more than a fortnight's cycling, during the mountainous sixteenth stage yesterday, disguised the fact that, by the end of the 149 miles, he had further lengthened his overall lead.

The champagne at the end of the stage belonged to Zenon Jaskula, who, by narrowly beating Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, in a sprint finish at St Lary Soulan became the first Pole to win a stage of the Tour. A memorable display of courage and strength, after being dropped by Rominger early on the final climb, brought Jaskula back to the breakaway leaders before he summoned up his final reserves to deny Rominger his third mountain victory, after two successes in the Alps.

However, inevitably, neither man could break out of Induráin's shadow. The reigning Tour champion finished in third place, just three seconds adrift, after a stage he clearly found as demanding as any in this year's race. Yet only when the finish was in sight did he leave Rominger, the man he considers his greatest threat to a likely hat-trick of overall wins, to break more than a metre away from him. His overall lead on the second-placed rider, Alvaro Mejia, of Colombia, grew by more than a minute to 4min 28sec.

Jaskula, third overall, closed to within 14sec of Mejia to maintain his chances of being the first eastern European to finish on the victory podium — "but my aim was to win a stage, not to place third," he said. "No one will remember who finished third in the race, but they will remember a stage win. That's what interested me from the start.

"There's still one more stage in the mountains, so we will see more clearly after that, but I think the places on the podium will be decided in Saturday's time-trial."

Jaskula will have to defend his position from fourth-placed Rominger, a time-trial specialist who is only 59sec behind him, while hoping to close the gap on Induráin, generally considered almost unbeatable when racing against the clock.

Jaskula, who is now based in Italy, started riding seriously only when he joined the Polish army at the age of 19. He won Olympic and world championship silver medals in team time-trials as an amateur, but until yesterday had had no significant successes in four years as a professional.

The battle for second and third places is likely to be the focal point of interest in the final stages of the Tour, with all the other issues effectively decided. Apart from Induráin's expected overall victory, Rominger all but clinched the red polka dot jersey as king of the mountains yesterday by going over three of the day's five passes in first place. Jaskula's close friend, Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, of Uzbekistan, looks certain to take the green jersey as winner on points awarded for stage placings and intermediate sprints.

In an uneventful stage until the final climb, the only serious breakaway of the day was made by two Italians, Claudio Chiappucci and Massimo Ghirotto, who got away on the descent from the Col du Portillon, the border between France and Spain. However, they were caught little more than 20 miles from the finish and it was left to Rominger, with Induráin on his back wheel, to make a move with five miles left.

All the other chasers were shaken off, but Jaskula came back within a mile and trailed the two leaders up to the final straight, bursting past with 250 metres left. Rominger was second, in the same time of 7hr 21min 01sec.

Stephen Roche, of Ireland, racing in his last Tour before retiring, also fought back well to take fourth place, 25sec off the lead, with Robert Millar, of Scotland, also finishing strongly, 41sec further back. Roche is a former winner of the Tour and Millar a former winner of the king of the mountains title.

Mejia, who has stayed the pace well in the mountains, for once found himself wanting in Rominger's attack and struggled badly until his Motorola colleague, Andy Hampsten, of the United States, came to his rescue in the final few miles. Hampsten, in sixth place overall, sacrificed his own chances of stage victory to coax Mejia to the line.

The race continues today with the seventeenth and final mountain stage, between Tarbes and Pau.

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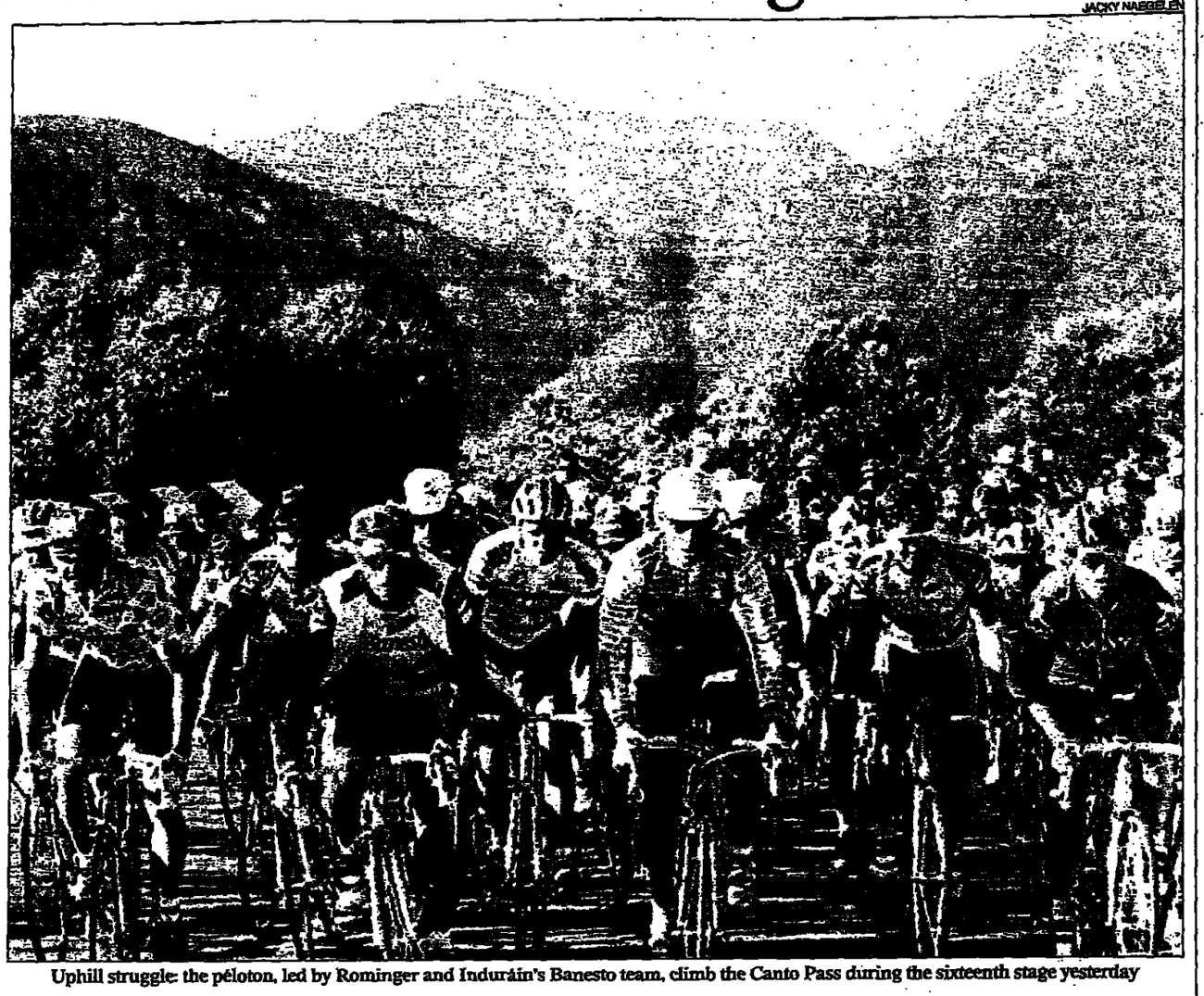

Uphill struggle: the péloton, led by Rominger and Induráin's Banesto team, climb the Canto Pass during the sixteenth stage yesterday

LEADING POSITIONS IN SIXTEENTH STAGE (230.5km from Andorra to St Lary Soulan): 1, Z Jaskula (Pol), MG GB, 7hr 21min 01sec; 2, T Rominger (Switz), Clas, same time; 3, M Induráin (Sp), Banesto, 3sec behind; 4, S Roche (Ire), Carrera, 25; 5, R Millar (GB), TVM, 1min 06sec; 6, A Hampsten (US), Motorola, 1:08; 7, A Mejia (Col), Motorola, same time; 8, R Virenque (Fr), Festina, 1:35; 9, J Unzaga (Sp), Clas; 10, C Chiappucci (It), Carrera, both same time; 11, J-P Dojwa (Fr), Festina, 1:37; 12, J Bruyneel (Bel), ONCE, 1:39; 13, G Faresin (It), ZG Mobili, 1:41; 14, A Martin (Sp), Amaya, 1:49; 15, R Conti (It), Ariostea, 1:52; 16, B Riis (Den), Ariostea, same time; 17, F Vona (It), GB MG, 2:53; 18, P Delgado (Sp), Banesto, 3:15; 19, A Elli (It), Ariostea, same time; 20, G Perini (It), ZG Mobili, 5:14. Other British placing: 106, S Yates, Motorola, 25:01.

OVERALL POSITIONS (after 16 stages): 1, Induráin, 79hr 11min 12sec; 2, Mejia, 4min 28sec behind; 3, Jaskula, 4:42; 4, Rominger, 5:41; 5, Riis, 12:15; 6, Hampsten, 14:35; 7, Chiappucci, 15:43; 8, Bruyneel, 16:30; 9, Delgado, 19:21; 10, V Poulnikov (Ukr), Carrera, 20:40; 11, Martin, 24:19; 12, Dojwa, 25:30; 13, Faresin, 25:44; 14, Conti, 26:16; 15, O Rincón (Col), Amaya, 26:19; 16, Roche, 26:37; 17, Elli, 30:10; 18, Virenque, 31:51; 19, Unzaga, 33:08; 20, L Madouas (Fr), Castorama, 34:01. Others: 22, Millar, 36:18; 87, Yates, 1hr 51min 40sec.

KING OF MOUNTAINS: 1, Rominger, 393pts; 2, Chiappucci, 243; 3, Rincón, 242.

POINTS (green jersey): 1, D Abdoujaparov (Uzbek), Lampre, 228; 2, L Jalabert (Fr), ONCE, 180; 3, Induráin, 124.

TODAY'S STAGE: Tarbes to Pau (189.5km).

Agassi helps US in Davis Cup quest

ANDRE Agassi, the 1992 Wimbledon champion, has agreed to lead the United States team to play Bahamas in a Davis Cup qualifying tie in September. The tie will be played on a hard court at the Olde Providence Racquet Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, from September 24 to 26, with the winners advancing into the world group for 1994. The losers will play in zonal competition.

Agassi, a member of the American Davis Cup final winning teams in 1990 and 1992, will be joined by MaliVai Washington and the doubles pairing, Patrick McEnroe and Richey Reneberg. Washington and McEnroe will be making their first Davis Cup appearances. Earlier this year, McEnroe and Reneberg were undefeated in helping the United States win the World Team Cup.

Tom Gorman, the United States Davis Cup captain, said: "Agassi will bring leadership to a critical situation. We can't afford to lose and drop down to zonal play for 1994. I am confident that these players will achieve our goal of victory and a spot in the 1994 Davis Cup world group."

United well received

FOOTBALL: Manchester United, the league champions, were greeted by hundreds of supporters when they arrived in Johannesburg yesterday for a tournament that also features the FA Cup holders, Arsenal. The two English sides will play matches against the leading local clubs, Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates, and meet each other at Ellis Park stadium on Sunday in a dress rehearsal for the Charity Shield next month. On Wednesday, Pirates face Arsenal and Chiefs meet United at the FNB stadium in Soweto. Chiefs take on Arsenal on July 31 in Durban. "Our priority is to make a big impact on the kids in South Africa," Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, said.

Seles will return

TENNIS: Monica Seles, the former world No 1, will return to the game in the autumn, six months after she was stabbed at a tournament in Hamburg, it was confirmed yesterday. Seles has not played since the incident on April 30, in which she suffered severe back injuries, and, in that time, she has lost her top ranking to Steffi Graf, the Wimbledon champion. Ion Tiriac, who is organising a tournament in Essen, Germany, from October 25 to 31, said that Seles would be in the field. However, he could not say if she would be playing elsewhere before then.

Rosza celebrates in style

SWIMMING: the Hungarian-born Norbert Rosza yesterday celebrated being granted Australian citizenship by setting an Australian and Australian all-comers' records in the 50 metre breaststroke at an international meeting in Canberra. Rosza, 21, swam the race in 28.13sec, just 24 hours after being granted citizenship. Rosza holds the world record for the 100 metre breaststroke, an event he won at the 1991 world championships. He moved to Australia earlier this year and hopes to swim for his new country in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

McLaren lodge appeal

MOTOR RACING: McLaren have joined Williams-Renault, their Formula One rivals, and the Footwork team in appealing against a ban on high-tech active suspension and traction control systems, introduced last week by Fisa, the sport's world governing body. Meanwhile, Fisa has announced that its appeal tribunal, which was to meet in Paris on July 27 to discuss the controversy, will now gather on August 2. The appeal is being made on behalf of the three teams by the Automobile Club Motor Sport Association.

Germans survive

HOCKEY: Germany, the runners-up at the Olympic Games in Barcelona last year, yesterday scraped through to the semi-finals of the women's Intercontinental Cup in Philadelphia, thus advancing to the finals of the World Cup in Dublin next year. Though looking a shadow of their former selves, the Germans beat India 1-0 in their final group match, courtesy of a goal by Franziska Hentschel from a penalty corner. The group was won by Argentina, who were much more impressive in all their games, although the Germans did draw with them last weekend.

All Blacks recall Jones

RUGBY UNION: Ian Jones, the lock forward, has been recalled to the New Zealand team that will face Western Samoa at Eden Park, Auckland, on July 31. Jones missed New Zealand's 25-10 victory over Australia, the world champions, last Saturday because of a calf injury and was replaced by Mark Cooksley. The England under-21 side won the penultimate match of its tour to Australia in Port Macquarie yesterday, 47-18 against New South Wales Country. Early in the second half, Austin Healey, the Waterloo wing, started a rush of five tries.

Todd heads strong field for Open

By Jenny MacArthur

MARK Todd, of New Zealand, the double Olympic champion, and Virginia Leng, the winner of Badminton this year, head the record entry for the Calor Gas British horse trials championships at Gatcombe Park from August 13 to 15.

Mark Phillips, the course designer, has created 11 new fences for the event, which also features the British intermediate horse trials championships. For the first time, there will be two days of cross-country with the British Open taking place on Saturday August 14.

Television demands have produced a shake-up in the British Open and the event will be completed on a Saturday instead of the usual Sunday to fit in with the BBC's schedule. The British intermediate championship will be concluded on Sunday, in another change from past procedure.

Modifications to the 27-fence course include a new-look Land Rover fence, (No 5) which Phillips said was "too difficult" last year. The table fence (26) has also been altered to conform with new regulations issued last week.

Todd and Leng are among several former winners of the British Open competing this year. Others include Pippa Nolan, the champion, and Mary Thomson, who won in 1990 and 1991 but who lost her chance of a hat-trick when King Boris refused at the second part of the infamous Land Rover fence.

The Open championship carries record prize-money of £11,900 and among entries are riders listed for the European three-day event championship in Germany in September. They are due to take part in the final selection trial, which is being held at Thurlestan Castle, Scotland, the following weekend.

Davies aims to stay on straight and narrow at Crooked Stick

From Patricia Davies in Carmel, Indiana

LAURA Davies has one big problem when it comes to the US Women's Open Championship: she wants to win too badly. Last year, at Oakmont, in rain-disrupted disarray, she missed the cut. This year, at Crooked Stick, in Carmel, Indiana, determined to do better, she found her preparations for the off today hindered by the carelessness of TWA.

The airline sent her clubs and belongings to flood-threatened St Louis instead of Indianapolis and Davies missed the first five holes of her now traditional pre-Open joust on Tuesday. She and Patty Sheehan, the champion, play Jane Geddes and Amy Benz — and usually lose the money.

They lost again this year — about $150 — but Davies was enthusiastic about the course where John Daly boomed his way to the US PGA Championship two years ago. "It's lovely, magnificent," she said of most beloved creation of Pete Dye, the architect. "I don't have to steer it. I can hit the ball."

For the first time, she is using a set of irons fitted with carbon shafts, and claimed they helped her hit the ball straighter. She intended using her driver quite a lot off the tee but Sheehan was more circumspect. "This type of course will temper Laura. You can't hit driver everywhere. She's been in the high rough and she doesn't like it. You have to keep the ball on the fairway here."

Davies, who won the Open in 1987, almost without realising what an achievement it was, went home last week and watched Daly, another phenomenon, practising at Royal St George's. She did not ask him for any tips on negotiating Crooked Stick. "I didn't dare," she said, but if, like Daly, she has a week of hitting the ball long and straight and holing everything on the greens, she might succeed Sheehan as champion.

Davies: confident

At least Davies has won the title. Nancy Lopez, an all-time great, has not. "I should perhaps have won at Hazeltine in 1977," she reflected, "but my zipper broke about the seventh hole in the last round and it was too much of a distraction. I'm on national television and my fly is open. I'll never forget it. I played pretty good that day but I couldn't bend over to read my putts right."

Lopez was 20 then and more easily embarrassed than she is now, married and a mother of three daughters. "I wasn't as bold back then," she said. "Now I might just carry on and think 'what the heck?' "

This week, Lopez, who won the Youngstown-Warren Classic two weeks ago, is on her own, sans famille, except for Domingo, her father. "I feel good about my game, better than I've ever felt and this is probably one of my favourite Open courses. There are no holes on it where you stand on the tee and think, 'You've got to be kidding'. I don't feel threatened by this course but you've got to hit the ball in the right spot."

Lopez talked of having a quietness about herself at the moment and of playing her best and enjoying it, without panicking about winning. "I'm going to smile and have a good time," she said. Shades of Greg Norman last week, perhaps?

Sheehan felt she needed to find her game if she was to win again — she is straying left — but pointed out that she had played well twice this year and won both times: in Phoenix, in March, to qualify for the Hall of Fame, and in the LPGA championship, the second major of the season, last month.

Helen Alfredsson, one of Sheehan's playing partners, has also won a major this year, the Dinah Shore, and is in form. Alfredsson and Davies are joined by Trish Johnson, Liselotte Neumann, Pam Wright, Suzanne Strudwick, Florence Descampe, and Anne-Marie Palli, plus Eva Dahllof and Kathryn Marshall, both of whom qualified in Ohio last week.

Whitehall begin challenge on top

By John Watson

THE tournament for Goodwood Week's medium-goal prize, the Harrison Cup, with 18 polo teams entered in an event in which matches are played over five chukkas, began at Ambersham in Sussex yesterday.

The tournament opened with an encounter in the qualifying round between Howard Taylor's squad, Whitehall, and Tah Yan, who are put together by Charles Tang, a Brazilian player of Chinese extraction. Whitehall won 9-7.

Although the two sides appeared closely-matched at the start, by the third chukka Whitehall had begun to show the edge. Their advantage laid mainly in their superior balance and the formidable inter-play between their No 3 and No 2, Charlie Mayon and Martin Glue. Howard Taylor's son, Oliver, occupying their No 1 position, played a dashing and skilful game off his modest handicap.

Tah Yan, on the other hand, relied rather too much on their Argentine eight-goal player, Omar Sosa, and the team suffered a further setback in the fourth chukka when their No 2, Johnny Wade, dismounted with an arm injury. Nevertheless, he soon recovered and resumed his part in the match.

Tah Yan gained no fewer than four goals from Sosa's penalty conversions, but in the last chukka, they also committed crucial, ultimately decisive, fouls that cost them two goals from the mallet of Charlie Mayon.

The tournament resumes tomorrow when the Mechanics take on Ellerston Black.

WHITEHALL: 1, O Taylor (2); 2, M Glue (5); 3, C Mayon (6); back, H Taylor (2).

TAH YAN: 1, C Tang (1); 2, J Wade (4); 3, O Sosa (8); back, G Berman (2).

Charles shows seniors the way forward

By Mel Webb

GONE are the days when the professional golfer would retire from tournament play when he approached his half-century and retreat, weary, into the quiet anonymity of a club job somewhere. These days, the over-50s are playing for more money than they ever saw when they were in their pomp; these are the men who will be contesting the Senior British Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes in the next four days.

The money that can be earnt on the American Seniors Tour is staggering. This year the "round bellies", as Lee Trevino, one of their number, is given to calling them, are playing for more than $26 million (about £17.3 million) in 43 events.

In contrast, the fledgling European equivalent is offering less than £800,000 from 12 tournaments. But interest is growing on this side of the Atlantic. Tony Jacklin turns 50 next July, and promises to be the catalyst that heralds a boom in interest in seniors golf.

In the mean time, European veterans can only look on jealously at the riches being offered to their contemporaries in the United States. The leading money-winner on the Seniors Tour across the pond this year is Bob Charles, who is playing here. He has won more than £407,000 — more than Nick Faldo, for one — and that places him ninth in the overall world money-list for the year.

Charles, the best left-hander ever, will be the man the players will all be watching, and, modest though he is, he admits that he is on the crest of a huge wave. "I think I'm playing tee to green better than I ever did," he said. "I drive the ball better, my iron play has been consistently good. But my putting has been erratic, very erratic." That, from one of the best putters the game has seen, is quite an admission. Even today, some people would give their long-handled putter to be as good on the greens as the New Zealander.

Charles may be the form horse in the championship, which offers a purse of £220,000 and a winner's prize of £36,650. But many an affectionate eye will be cast in the direction of Arnold Palmer and Gary Player, members with Jack Nicklaus of the great triumvirate of the modern game. Palmer says he is hitting the ball pretty well, but cannot putt, and Player, confident as ever, will not admit to any weaknesses. Time will tell if their assessments are accurate.

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PANCHAMA

(c) A member of the fifth division of early Indian society, outside the four main divisions of Brahmin, Kshatrya, Vasiya and Sudra; a pariah, an outcaste. This caste was also called *Pancham Bandam*. From the Sanskrit for a fifth: "Outside the four main caste divisions, there has also existed from the earliest times a group familiarly known as the Untouchables. They were also called Panchamas, literally the fifths."

TAOVALA

(a) In Tonga, a piece of fine matting worn round the waist over a *vala* or Tongan kilt (and without which one is not considered properly dressed) from the Tongan. Traditionally worn by the male (with the exception of the queen as monarch). It should be torn in several places, to show that the wearer does not set himself above his fellows.

BOTTEGA

(c) An artist's studio or workshop, especially in Italy, from the Italian *bottega* a small shop, Latin *apotheca*: "The group of ateliers or bottegas in Italy, where work of this kind was carried on by individual artist potters, and their assistants or pupils."

KULA

(a) In some Pacific communities, especially in the Trobriand Islands, an inter-island system of ceremonial exchange of items as a prelude to or concomitant of regular trading, from the Melanesian; Bronislaw Malinowski, *Sex & Repression in Savage Society*: "Those in charge of the overseas expeditions called Kula are often supposed to have dreamt about the success of their ceremonial trading."

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Case to be heard for protecting punters

By Julian Muscat

THE Home Office has agreed to hear the case for establishing a consumer protection body to safeguard the interests of punters, an increasing number of which are becoming disenchanted with their treatment by proprietors of Britain's 9,400 off-course betting shops.

Among the proposals outlined by the National Association for the Protection of Punters (NAPP) include a punters' charter and greater legal protection, particularly in respect of disputed settlements.

Parliamentary under secretary, Peter Lloyd, will consider NAPP's document before the end of the year.

A little-known organisation of some 150 members, NAPP has strengthened its hand in advance of the presentation. Alan Meale, Labour MP for Barnsley and an influential member of the Home Affairs Select Committee that enquired into racing two years ago, is vice president, while Jeremy Mitchell, former chairman of the National Consumer Council, has joined NAPP's membership.

In announcing the case for protecting punters, Meale said: "Punters in Britain today get a lousy deal. We need to play the parliamentary game more professionally in this respect than other similar organisations have done in the past." Meale stressed that although NAPP originated the proposal, it was not seeking to take control of the charter.

Easily the most notorious of NAPP's proposals is the punters' charter. Disgruntled punters have been flooding the letters pages of the trade press with tales of bets being cut back in size, settled only on starting price returns, or rejected outright by off-course bookmakers.

The latter who offer to settle bets at starting prices gain a distinct advantage in that they can avail themselves, by telephone, of the odds on offer at the racetrack. The size of their commissions inevitably cause the racecourse odds to shrink, thereby limiting their liabilities to off-course punters.

Those punters enjoying winning streaks stand little chance of having bets accepted, while others are seeing their accounts close altogether.

"The biggest point of concern, without doubt, is the bookmakers' activity on the racecourse," NAPP's chairman, Mark Coton, said yesterday. "It's not a free market if certain people are denied access."

Tom Kelly, director general of the Betting Office Licensees' Association, could not comment on individual disputes between punters and bookmakers, but he pointed out: "The bookmaker is within his rights to offer terms of trade suitable to his business. Punters can always go elsewhere if they don't like those terms."

While the war of words goes on, there is no doubt that bookmakers refusing to accept bets at prices advertised in their shops are alienating punters, who have never been more needed by both bookmakers and racing than they are now.

Influential member: Meale believes punters get poor deal

BHB to recruit marketing director

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE British Horseracing Board (BHB) is to recruit a *marketing director to help* boost the popularity of racing and attract new spectators and owners.

The crucial appointment will hopefully lead to a campaign aimed at selling racing to the British public in the same way the Japan Racing Association promoted the sport so successfully ten years ago.

The BHB wants the marketing to concentrate on:

☐ Raising the public profile of racing and emphasising the fun and enjoyment of the sport, and so create an improved climate in which individual marketing initiatives can prosper.

☐ Increasing racehorse ownership and attracting sponsorship.

☐ Increasing attendances, concentrating on new racegoers.

Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the BHB, said yesterday: "The board quickly identified marketing and promotion as one of its initial priorities and has now agreed that an experienced marketing director, with a knowledge of racing, is needed." He added: "Care will be taken to ensure that the BHB's marketing plans compliment other initiatives."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Merryhill Maid
(8.40 Doncaster)
Next best: Takadou
(6.45 Doncaster)

Risky set to make speedy return in Molecomb

THE flying filly Risky has been added to the list of star attractions being aimed at Glorious Goodwood next week.

The winner of Weatherbys and Sales Super Sprint Trophy at Newbury on Saturday has taken the race so well that connections are now seriously considering a tilt at the Molecomb Stakes on Friday week.

Once again ground conditions will determine whether the daughter of Risk Me, owned by *Sunday Sport* publisher David Sullivan, tackles the race.

Sullivan's racing manager, Eamonn Connolly, said yesterday: "She is in tip-top order, as if she never had a race last Saturday. She will run, provided the ground is in her favour as a prelude to the Heinz 57 in Ireland.

"Richard Hannon thinks she still has an awful lot of petrol left in the tank and historically the Molecomb doesn't take much winning."

The advance going at Goodwood, which is officially good, would satisfy Risky's connections and might also entice Zafonic, the meeting's biggest attraction, to the Sussex Stakes.

As before Royal Ascot, the Zafonic team has stressed that the colt, who has not run since the 2,000 Guineas, must have good or faster ground if he is to run.

Entries for the £45,000 Leslie & Godwin Spitfire Stakes are likely to include Barboukh and Rapid Success, from last year's winning trainer, David Elsworth.

Henry Cecil is expected to submit Mecklenburg, Gone Troppo and Savoy Truffle but Lyphard's Delta is likely to go for the Nassau Stakes.

Seren Quest, who ran Lyphard's Delta to a neck at Newmarket, will represent Reg Akehurst in the Spitfire or the Tote Gold Trophy.

Bookmakers were at odds about a market leader for the Tote Ebor Handicap after the weights were announced yesterday.

The ante-post highlight of the York meeting has attracted 64 entries, among them last year's first and second, Quick Ransom and Brier Creek.

The sponsors make Richard Hannon's Pistol River (7st 10lb), second in Royal Ascot's King George V Handicap, the favourite. But William Hill prefer his 2½-length conqueror Learmont (7st 2lb), now 3lb worse off at the weights.

Ladbrokes side with the Queen's Newmarket winner, Spring To Action (8st 8lb), while Coral add to the confusion by naming Darmstadt (6st 11lb) and Source Of Light (9st 2lb) as their joint-favourites.

The top weight, Brier Creek (9st 10lb), bears the burden of this season's group three success in the Henry II Stakes. He meets Quick Ransom, his head conqueror of last year, on 2lb worse terms.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER
2.20 Aberlady. 2.50 Norman Warrior. 3.20 Suaad. 3.50 Makin. 4.20 Overpower. 4.50 **MONSIEUR DUPONT** (nap).
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Suaad. 3.50 **BLACK MAGIC** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.20 NORTH WALSHAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,047: 6f 3yd) (9 runners)
1 (9) 321- CAPE WEAVER 381 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-7 ... L Dettori 88
2 (1) 2130-40 ABTAAL 19 (B,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-3 ... R Hills 90
3 (7) 134- HUFFA 422 (G) (B Haggas) W Haggas 9-2 ... M Hills 86
4 (8) 150440 PRESS GALLERY 19 (D,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 9-1 P Robinson 97
5 (2) 013045 SOUTHERN MEMORIES 12 (B,D,F,G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0 ... NON-RUNNER –
6 (6) 314-200 PRINCESS OBERON 61 (F) (R Michaelson) M Bell 8-13 ... M Fenton (3) 93
7 (4) 0200-20 GREENLET 40 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-12 ... W R Swinburn 99
8 (3) 6-33104 HOTARIA 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Richmond) R Whitaker 8-1 ... N Carlisle 92
9 (5) 12105-2 ABERLADY 9 (F,G) (M Sinclair) M Jarvis 7-10 ... G Bardwell 90
BETTING: 11-4 Cape Weaver, 7-2 Press Gallery, 4-1 Aberlady, 5-1 Greenlet, 6-1 Princess Oberon, 10-1 Huffa, 12-1 Hotaria, 16-1 Abtaal.
1992: LUNA BID 9-10-0 R Cochrane (8-1) M Blanshard 13 ran

FORM FOCUS
CAPE WEAVER beat Abbey's Gal 2½l in a 10-runner maiden at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). HUFFA about 7l 4th of 5 to Lyric Fantasy in a listed race at Sandown (5f, good to firm). GREENLET ¾l 2nd of 9 to Storiths in a handicap at Doncaster (6f, good) on penultimate start with HOTARIA (1lb better off) tailed off last. HOTARIA 4¾l 4th of 5 to Miss Whittingham in a handicap at Southwell (6f, good to firm) on latest start. ABERLADY 1½l 2nd of 7 to Face North in a conditions race at Folkestone (6f, good to firm).
Selection: ABERLADY

2.50 GOLDEN MILE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,826: 1m 3yd) (19 runners)
1 (2) 2U6543 AMLAK 8 (V) (M Hirst) J Banks 4-9-10 ... L Dettori 95
2 (5) 300-064 DUKE OF BUDWORTH 10 (V) (J Good) M Tompkins 3-9-7 ... S Mulvey (7) 85
3 (3) 100-006 LAZY RHYTHM 19 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Hirst) J Eyre 7-9-5 ... F Norton 80
4 (11) 500026 SHALOU 17 (F) (K Gomm) R Hodges 4-9-4 ... M Hills 99
5 (18) 00-0644 FAIR ENCHANTRESS 27 (B,F) (P Bennett) J Bennett 5-9-4 ... D Holland 90
6 (14) 060532 BASSIO 6 (H,C,D,F,G) (Mrs S Derby) C Allen 4-9-2 ... W Hood 92
7 (13) 500053 COSMIC STAR 9 (V,F) (A Ali) S Woods 3-9-2 ... W Woods 94
8 (12) 006000 DEPUTY TIM 5 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Bastiman) R Bastiman 10-8-13 ... H Bastiman (7) 87
9 (6) 0-5000 SMOCKING 24 (Mrs L Pearce) J Pearce 3-8-12 ... Elizabeth Turner (7) 94
10 (17) 10-0020 KELLY'S KITE 8 (CD,F,G) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 5-8-12 C Hawksley (7) 94
11 (15) 2440/00 MELANCOLIA 6 (B,G) (G Tubb) J Glover 7-8-12 ... S D Williams (3) –
12 (10) 0-06046 MAY SQUARE 10 (D,F) (Mrs V Rapkins) N Callaghan 5-8-11 ... W Ryan 96
13 (19) 500-006 LITTLE PARK 13 (Ms S Stevens) C Williams 4-8-11 ... P Robinson 97
14 (7) 00-0604 NORMAN WARRIOR 8 (V,D,S) (Mrs P Lunn) D Morris 4-8-11 ... C Hodgson (5) 92
15 (1) 05-6660 YONGE TENDER 17 (B,C,F,D) (C Williams) C Williams 6-8-11 ... D Harrison (3) 97
16 (4) 000044 ASCOM PAGER TOO 9 (Ascom Tele-Nova Ltd) P Howling 3-8-9 ... W R Swinburn 91
17 (9) 6/000-6 FIRST HOME 139 (Mrs B Mitchell) Pat Mitchell 5-8-4 ... Kim McDonnell (7) –
18 (8) 04005 BLUE POINT 10 (B) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 4-8-2 ... G Hind 80
19 (16) 00-0000 CAMINO A RONDA 20 (J Li) Pat Mitchell 4-8-1 ... P McCabe (7) –
BETTING: 7-2 Amlak, 5-1 Bassio, 6-1 Kelly's Kite, 7-1 Fair Enchantress, 8-1 May Square, 10-1 Deputy Tim, Norman Warrior, Yonge Tender, 12-1 Shalou, 14-1 others.
1992: CHAMPENOISE 4-9-8 M Hills (7-1) M Bell 19 ran

FORM FOCUS
AMLAK 2½l 3rd of 10 to Sie Amato in a 10-runner handicap at Southwell (1m, AW). SHALOU about 6½l 6th of 14 to Wild Strawberry in a handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm) with YONGE TENDER (6lb better off) 3l 8th. Previously ¾l 2nd of 18 to Barahin in a seller at Windsor (1m 67yd, firm).
BASSIO 2l 2nd of 8 to Glenfield Greta in a handicap at Southwell (7f, AW). COSMIC STAR 3¼l 3rd of 16 to Essex Girl in a seller at Leicester (1m, good) with ASCOM PAGER TOO (2lb better off) 3½l 4th. MAY SQUARE 6¼l 6th of 19 to Pride Of Pendle in an amateur riders' handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). NORMAN WARRIOR 13¾l 4th of 16 to Lady Lacey in a selling handicap at Sandown (1m 1f, good) with Kelly's Kite (same terms) 6¼l 8th.
Selection: COSMIC STAR

3.20 EBF SCROBY SANDS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £4,308: 7f 3yd) (5 runners)
1 (3) CHILDREN'S CHOICE (P Tolman) P McBride 8-11 ... P Robinson –
2 (2) MISS RINJANI (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-11 ... M Hills –
3 (4) MISTY WISE (R Michaelson) M Bell 8-11 ... M Fenton (3) –
4 (1) 0 PRINCESS CARMEN 7 (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-11 ... L Dettori –
5 (5) 2 SUAAD 19 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... R Hills 99
BETTING: 6-4 Suaad, 2-1 Miss Rinjani, 4-1 Princess Carmen, 8-1 Misty Wise, 12-1 Children's Choice
1992: INFORMATRICE 8-11 S Cauthen (4-7 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM FOCUS
MISS RINJANI (foaled May 7). Half-sister by Shirley Heights to Bali Surfer, juvenile 7f winner; dam 6f/1m 4f winner. MISTY WISE (Feb 2, cost 14,000gns). Half-sister by Rambo Dancer to juvenile sprint winner Fire Thatch, and 1m 2f winner Premier Dance; dam placed in Italy. PRINCESS CARMEN 14l 6th of 9 to West Quest in a maiden at Catterick (6f, good to soft). SUAAD ¾l 2nd of 9 to Kissing Cousin in a maiden at Haydock (6f, good)
Selection: SUAAD

3.50 ACLE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,850: 7f 3yd) (16 runners)
1 (6) 0- AWESOME VENTURE 257 (Bach Hill Bloodstock Ltd) J Toller 9-0 ... J Weaver (3) –
2 (9) 0 DUBAI SUMMER 7 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0 ... P Robinson 89
3 (10) 5 GRANVILLE CORNER 55 (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-0 ... N Carlisle –
4 (8) MAKIN (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson –
5 (1) 0-04234 NOBLE RISK 6 (Heathavon Stables Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 ... NON-RUNNER –
6 (4) PACIFIC POWER (N Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0 ... D Holland –
7 (2) VARELITO (B) (Red Seven Stable) W O'Gorman 9-0 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) –
8 (16) 00 ZAJKO 8 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... G Hind –
9 (14) ARVOLA (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 ... W R Swinburn –
10 (5) 2-3 BLACK MISCHIEF 54 (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 8-9 ... W Ryan 99
11 (11) 40 CHAMPAGNE 'N ROSES 7 (Mrs A Plesch) Mrs J Cecil 8-9 ... L Dettori 81
12 (13) 5 FOOT-BEAT 12 (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 8-9 ... NON-RUNNER –
13 (15) 600 FUCHU 7 (C Britain) C Britain 8-9 ... B Doyle (3) 83
14 (7) 30 MISS KINABALU 80 (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-9 ... M Hills 83
15 (12) NUMUTHEJ (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-9 ... R Hills –
16 (3) PEA FORTY FIVE (A Putland) A Morgan 8-9 ... S Whitworth –
BETTING: 6-4 Black Mischief, 4-1 Makin, 5-1 Arvola, 7-1 Champagne 'N Roses, 10-1 Miss Kinabalu, 12-1 Granville Corner, 14-1 others.
1992: AMADEUS AES 9-0 R Cochrane (11-1) D Morris 9 ran

FORM FOCUS
MAKIN half-brother by Danzig to 1m 4f winner (awarded race) Saffaanh, dam won at up to 1m 4f, including Irish Oaks. ARVOLA half-sister by Sadler's Wells to 7f winner Pastorale, dam won Cheveley Park Stakes. BLACK MISCHIEF 3¾l 3rd of 19 to Jeltbeeah in a maiden at Kempton (1m, good) with NOBLE RISK (same terms) 13¼l 14th. CHAMPAGNE 'N ROSES 11l 4th of 11 to White Muzzle in a maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. MISS KINABALU 7½l 3rd of 12 to Andromaque in a maiden at Warwick (1m, soft). NUMUTHEJ sister by Nureyev to useful French juvenile 6f winner Robin Des Bois.
Selection: BLACK MISCHIEF

4.20 CITY OF NORWICH CLAIMING STAKES (£2,601: 1m 3f 101yd) (9 runners)
1 (6) 053432 HILLZAH 7 (F,G) (R Bastiman) R Bastiman 5-9-6 ... H Bastiman (7) 87
2 (9) 0- WORTHY MEMORIES 325 (Mrs E Bousquet-Payne) C Wall 4-9-5 ... N Carlisle –
3 (3) 006 RAPINSKI 8 (Mrs S Turner) K Wingrove 4-9-2 ... K Pattinson (7) –
4 (1) 0/3416 BALADIYA 29 (G,S) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 6-9-1 ... C Hodgson (5) 97
5 (5) 0/41-600 GIN AND ORANGE 10 (D,F,S) (P Walker) J Jenkins 7-9-0 ... S Whitworth 70
6 (4) 436213 OVERPOWER 8 (C,F,S) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 9-9-0 ... P Robinson 99
7 (8) 000200/ MERCERS MAGIC 61J (V) (M Foulger) K Wingrove 5-8-12 ... T Wall –
8 (2) PEARLED 42J (J Bostock) J Bostock 6-8-12 ... M Wigham –
9 (7) D BLACK BEAN 30 (J Miller) N Graham 3-8-3 ... B Doyle (3) –
BETTING: 6-4 Overpower, 3-1 Baladiya, 4-1 Hillzah, 8-1 Gin And Orange, 14-1 Black Bean, 20-1 Worthy Memories, 25-1 Pearled, 33-1 Rapinski, 50-1 Mercers Magic.
1992: MYSTERY LAD 3-8-5 M Roberts (4-1) N Callaghan 6 ran

FORM FOCUS
HILLZAH short-head 2nd of 9 to Ramoody in an apprentice jockeys' handicap at Chepstow (1m 4f, soft). BALADIYA beat La Temeraire 4l in a 10-runner claimer at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. GIN AND ORANGE 14l 13th of 19 to Bronze Runner in a selling handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 110yd, good to firm). OVERPOWER 1l 3rd of 6 to Duveen in a handicap at Yarmouth (1m 3f, good to firm). BLACK BEAN 27l 8th of 15 to Barahin in a seller at Warwick (1m 3f, good) with RAPINSKI (6lb worse off) 49l 14th.
Selection: BALADIYA (nap)

4.50 BELTON MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,817: 1m 6f 17yd) (9 runners)
1 (9) 2-33020 DEDUCE 34 (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 4-10-0 ... M Hills 94
2 (3) 3/4-40 MISS RITA 15 (Mrs J Furlong) J Pearce 4-9-2 ... M Wigham 94
3 (7) 0630-33 DIAMOND WEDDING 24 (Mrs C Miller) N Graham 4-9-0 ... B Doyle (3) 90
4 (1) 66-0022 RIVIERE ACTOR 15 (BF) (S Khaled) J Dunlop 3-8-10 ... W Ryan 95
5 (8) 43552 MUTAWALI 17 (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 3-8-4 ... W Carson 90
6 (6) 00-03 MONSIEUR DUPONT 22 (W Said) B Hills 3-7-12 ... D Harrison (3) 96
7 (4) 000424 RUSTY REEL 20 (Mrs R Hughes) C Britain 3-7-8 ... Dale Gibson 98
8 (2) 682040 PEACH BRANDY 33 (L Turner) R Voorspuy 4-7-7 ... N Carlisle 99
9 (5) 0/00/00 EASY TOOMEY 21 (Brooke Ltd) J Jenkins 5-7-7 ... Kim McDonnell (7) –
Long handicap: Peach Brandy 7-5, Easy Toomey 7-2.
BETTING: 11-4 Riviere Actor, 3-1 Deduce, 4-1 Diamond Wedding, 6-1 Miss Rita, 8-1 Peach Brandy, 10-1 Monsieur Dupont, 12-1 others.
1992: PRINCE SOBUR 6-8-13 R Cochrane (7-4 fav) M Blanshard 8 ran

FORM FOCUS
DEDUCE ¾l 2nd of 17 to Miss Pin Up in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start.
DIAMOND WEDDING ½l 3rd of 7 to Bayrak in a maiden handicap at Hamilton (1m 4f, good). RIVIERE ACTOR 1½l 2nd of 5 to Scarlet Tunic in a rated maiden at Kempton (1m 6f 110yd, good). MUTAWALI ½l 2nd of 4 to Desert Laughter in a handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 110yd, good to firm). MONSIEUR DUPONT 2¾l 3rd of 10 to Hasta La Vista in a handicap at Catterick (1m 4f, good to firm). RUSTY REEL 4½l 4th of 6 to Mondragon in a rated maiden at Beverley (2m, good to firm).
Selection: RIVIERE ACTOR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	31	85	36.5	D Holland	6	16	37.5
A Stewart	15	54	27.8	G Hind	4	16	25.0
J Dunlop	3	11	27.3	L Piggott	10	52	19.2
B Hills	6	25	24.0	W Ryan	21	111	18.9
N Callaghan	8	36	22.2	P Robinson	8	44	18.2
R Bastiman	4	18	22.2	L Dettori	21	118	17.8

DONCASTER

THUNDERER
6.20 Farmer's Pet. 6.45 Takadou. 7.10 Pine Ridge Lad. 7.40 Powerful Edge. 8.10 Countercheck. 8.40 Samsolom.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.20 Farmer's Pet.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.10 SMART TEACHER.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.20 CLOSE CONSUMER AMATEUR HANDICAP (£2,637: 2m 110yd) (18 runners)
1 6014 FARMER'S PET 15 (F,G,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-12-0 ... P Pritchard-Gordon (5) 18
2 0/42 POPSI'S LEGACY 26 M Haynes 6-11-0 ... Miss Y Haynes 13
3 0556 FAIRWAYS ON TARGET 36 Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 M Buckley 1
4 4114 ALLMOSA 3 (F,G) T Naughton 4-10-11 ... Mrs J Naughton (5) 2
5 0001 EIGHTANDAHALF 16 (F) G Oldroyd 4-10-10 Miss A Deniel (5) 7
6 0554 THE KARAOKE KING 12 (B,F,G) R Hannon 4-10-2 ... Mrs J Boggis (5) 11
7 1123 KING WILLIAM 9 (D,BF,F,G) J Spearing 8-9-13 ... Miss T Spearing (5) 17
8 0441 SCOTTISH WEDDING 6 (D,G) S Norton 3-8-12 (5ex) ... Mrs J Crossley 10
9 0026 MYSTERIOUS MAID 14 (BF,F,S) J Pearce 6-9-11 Mrs L Pearce 15
10 -016 RICH PICKINGS 3 (F) D R Tucker 4-9-10 ... Miss S Rowe (5) 4
11 4032 BARCHAM 14 (F) D Wilson 6-9-7 ... Miss Diana Jones 16
12 004- WASHINGTON RED 416 R Lee 4-9-7 ... G Lewis 14
13 0/54 PINISI 78 J Wharton 8-9-7 ... Mrs A Farrell 5
14 6005 WINGED WHISPER 14 (F) J Pickering 4-9-7 Mrs W Pickering (5) 9
15 2/0- CLWYD LODGE 307 (D,F) R Juckes 6-9-7 Miss S Higgins (5) 8
16 5060 MR WISHING WELL 6 (B,S) S Dow 7-9-7 ... T Cuff (5) 3
17 006/ TOUCH 'N' PASS 77J R O'Leary 5-9-7 ... Mrs S Easterby (5) 6
18 4000 WRITTEN AGREEMENT 14 R Peacock 5-9-7 ... Mrs C Peacock (5) 12
9-2 Farmer's Pet, 5-1 The Karaoke King, 11-2 Allmosa, Barcham, 6-1 others.

6.45 DONCASTER STALLHOLDERS CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,421: 6f) (8)
1 0104 RAVEN'S RETURN 36 (S) R Hollinshead 8-12 ... S Perks 2
2 1 TAKADOU 34 (F) Miss L Siddall 8-12 ... P Robinson 4
3 1 TORCH ROUGE 45 (F) B Hills 8-12 ... D Holland 8
4 01 UNBLEST 24 (D,F) J Fanshawe 8-12 ... G Duffield 3
5 3915 HALI 27 (G) Mrs N Macauley 8-10 ... Dean McKeown 1
6 01 ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 7 (S) Mrs M Reveley 8-10 K Darley 6
7 THREE IN ONE M Stoute 8-10 ... W R Swinburn 7
8 14 LEGATEE 50 (F) J Etherington 8-5 ... R Cochrane 5
9-4 Torch Rouge, 3-1 Unblest, 4-1 Three In One, 5-1 Takadou, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: W Haggas, 5 winners from 16 runners, 31.3%; E Weymes, 4 from 13, 30.8%; B Hills, 24 from 101, 23.8%; M Haynes, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Stoute, 15 from 77, 19.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 11 from 63, 17.5%.
JOCKEYS: M Hills, 16 winners from 106 rides, 15.1%; R Cochrane, 18 from 136, 13.2%; W Carson, 25 from 192, 13.0%; K Darley, 20 from 157, 12.7%; W R Swinburn, 13 from 121, 10.7%.

7.10 DAZZLING DONCASTER MARKETS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,542: 6f) (9)
1 2023 THE SHARP BIDDER 3 (D,G) R Hollinshead 9-7 ... K Darley 5
2 3354 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 33 (F,G,S) J Berry 9-4 ... G Carter 4
3 -105 WILLSHE GAN 36 (F,S) Denys Smith 9-4 ... W Carson 1
4 0510 BALIANA 12 (D,F) C Booth 9-0 ... A Culhane 2
5 3-30 ALASIB 42 (F) W Jarvis 9-0 ... L Dettori 6
6 0415 RAIN SPLASH 35 (D,G,S) J Balding 8-13 ... Claire Balding (7) 9
7 0-12 OUBECK 17 (D,BF,G) E Weymes 8-8 ... Dale Gibson 8
8 4315 PINE RIDGE LAD 10 (D,F,G) B Beasley 8-7 ... J Tate (5) 7
9 3051 TRINITY HALL 55 (D,S) C Horgan 8-3 ... D Holland 3
7-2 The Sharp Bidder, 4-1 Oubeck, 9-2 Two Moves In Front, 11-2 Trinity Hall, 8-1 Willshe Gan, 10-1 Baliana, Pine Ridge Lad, 14-1 others.

7.40 COME TO DONCASTER MARKETS CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,850: 7f) (9)
1 4460 SUNDAY'S HILL 8 (F,G) M Blanshard 4-9-7 ... D Harrison (3) 1
2 2200 DOUBLE BLUE 41 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-2 ... Dean McKeown 3
3 4000 EURO FESTIVAL 12 (D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 4-9-2 ... W R Swinburn 9
4 DESERT GREEN M Stoute 4-9-0 ... P D'Arcy 4
5 0200 POWERFUL EDGE 14 (F) I Balding 4-9-0 ... L Dettori 7
6 2-13 ABSOLUTE MAGIC 28 (D,S) W Haggas 3-8-11 ... W Carson 5
7 12 ETOSHA 29 (D,F) G Wragg 3-8-6 ... M Hills 6
8 14 TAALIF 27 (G) H Thomson Jones 3-8-6 ... R Hills 2
9 -560 SHAMISEN 59 (D,F) C Brittain 3-8-2 ... B Marcus 8
3-1 Absolute Magic, 4-1 Etosha, 5-1 Desert Green, 6-1 Powerful Edge, 8-1 Double Blue, 10-1 Taalif, 12-1 Sunday's Hill, 14-1 Euro Festival, 25-1 Shamisen.

8.10 WARDS THORNE BEST BITTER HANDICAP (£3,236: 7f) (15)
1 2621 PRINCE RODNEY 7 (D,F,G,S) R Hannon 4-10-4 (5ex) ... Mark Denaro (7) 9
2 6032 SUPER BENZ 7 (D,F,G,S) B Beasley 7-9-12 ... J Fortune 8
3 0023 PATIENCE PLEASE 10 (CD,F) M H Easterby 4-9-5 ... S Maloney (3) 15
4 3105 LEGEND DULAC 17 (CD,G,S) J Harris 4-9-4 ... P Robinson 14
5 0-60 MONTONE 27 (G) C Booth 3-9-3 ... A Culhane 13
6 0041 NIGEL'S LUCKY GIRL 9 (D,F,G) R Harris 5-9-3 (5ex) J Quinn 1
7 500/ DARIKA LAD 505J (D,F) A Harrison 5-9-2 ... W R Swinburn 5
8 -066 JOKIST 61 (D,F,G,S) W Jarvis 10-9-1 ... S Jones (7) 2
9 5-04 COUNTERCHECK 10 C Wall 4-8-12 ... L Dettori 12
10 -403 PICKLES 19 (D,G) R Lee 5-8-11 ... R Cochrane 8
11 5000 BROWNED OFF 26 Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-7 ... M Hills 7
12 0004 ROYAL COMEDIAN 33 B Murray 4-8-6 ... G Carter 10
13 4030 COOL ENOUGH 16 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 12-8-0 K Darley 3
14 -061 SMART TEACHER 9 (F) P Harris 3-8-0 (5ex) ... G Duffield 11
15 0055 QUIET VICTORY 15 (B,CD,F) Miss L Siddall 6-7-10 ... D Harrison (3) 4
4-1 Smart Teacher, 6-1 Pickles, 7-1 Super Benz, 8-1 Patience Please, Nigel's Lucky Girl, 10-1 Prince Rodney, Countercheck, others.

8.40 DONCASTER CORN EXCHANGE LIMITED STAKES (£2,950: 6f) (6)
1 3203 ARC LAMP 82 (F,G) J Glover 7-9-0 ... J Fortune 4
2 3553 PRINCE BELFORT 3 (BF,F) J Eyre 5-9-0 ... O Pears (5) 1
3 2011 SAMSOLOM 8 (D,F,G) P Howling 5-9-0 ... K Darley 3
4 -350 ZEBOIM 12 (B,D,F,G) W Muir 7-9-0 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 6
5 0506 DARUSSALAM 7 (D,F,G,S) R Lee 8-8-9 ... W Carson 2
6 2304 MERRYHILL MAID 8 (D,F,G) J Harris 5-8-9 ... R Cochrane 5
6-4 Samsolom, 3-1 Prince Belfort, 7-2 Arc Lamp, 5-1 Merryhill Maid, 7-1 others.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
2.30 My Ruby Ring. 3.00 Alta Victoria. 3.30 El Duco. 4.00 Fanfold. 4.30 Hatta River. 5.00 Juliet Bravo.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F 59YD-7F 214YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 BLACKMANTLE HANDICAP (£2,898: 5f 213yd) (9 runners)
1 6233 FARMER JOCK 19 (CD,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 11-10-0 ... J Reid 8
2 0013 MY RUBY RING 9 (CD,F,G,S) D Laing 6-10-0 ... T Williams 2
3 445/ BLUE TAIL 754 (BF) P Butler 5-9-10 ... S Drowne (7) 4
4 1001 SCOTS LAW 30 (B,CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 6-9-8 ... D Biggs 9
5 540- RESTORE 330 (V,D,F,G,S) R Flower 10-9-5 ... W Newnes 3
6 8503 SCARLET PRINCESS 7 (D,S) R Hodges 5-9-0 ... A Munro 6
7 0014 AQUADO 5 (F) N Callaghan 4-9-0 (7ex) ... Pat Eddery 5
8 00-0 VIS-A-VIS 14 D Arbuthnot 4-8-9 ... R Price 7
9 5/6- CONE LANE 447J (C,F) B Gubby 7-8-9 ... B Russell (7) 1
11-4 Scots Law, 3-1 My Ruby Ring, 4-1 Scarlet Princess, 5-1 Farmer Jock, 11-2 Aquado, 10-1 Restore, 14-1 Vis-A-Vis, 20-1 Blue Tail, Cone Lane.

3.00 RAGGETTS SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,070: 6f 209yd) (18)
1 8 BIRD TROUBLE 12 M Madgwick 9-0 ... C Avery 3
2 1133 CALISAR 21 (D,G,S) W G M Turner 9-0 ... T Sprake 2
3 0000 GEORGE ROPER 31 (S) B Moore 9-0 ... B Rouse 18
4 INDIAN FIRE K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 ... D Biggs 9
5 0-4 JIM CANTLE 21 R Hoad 9-0 ... R Perham 1
6 000 KUTAN 23 R Simpson 9-0 ... A Tucker 16
7 5350 RED LEADER 10 (B,S) P Cole 9-0 ... A Clark 10
8 5530 SUPERENSIS 13 W Muir 9-0 ... A Munro 13
9 0-04 ALLEZ BIANCO 12 C Brooks 8-9 ... NON-RUNNER 4
10 6023 ALTA VICTORIA 28 (BF) R Charlton 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 15
11 050- BAN RI 320 J Fitch-Heyes 8-9 ... A McGlone 7
12 0041 CUBIST 7 (B,D,S) D Morley 8-9 ... B Raymond 17
13 0005 LADY OF SHADOWS 10 S Dow 8-9 ... A Martinez (7) 8
14 584 NOEPROB 27 C Cyzer 8-9 ... J D Smith (7) 11
15 1-00 PONTEVECCHIO MODA 47 (D,F,S) W Jarvis 8-9 ... J Reid 12
16 QUE TEE AH R Simpson 8-9 ... G Rothwell (7) 14
17 0006 SHARP GAZELLE 21 (F) B Smart 8-9 ... W Newnes 5
18 6066 SWISS MOUNTAIN 5 (V) D Laing 8-9 ... T Williams 6
4-1 Alta Victoria, 9-2 Calisar, 5-1 Cubist, Jim Cantle, 13-2 Red Leader, 8-1 Noeprob, 10-1 Pontevecchio Moda, 14-1 others.

3.30 CHIPPENDALE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,494: 7f 214yd) (8)
1 6 GARRY'S CHOICE 40 B Smart 4-9-7 ... N Adams 2
2 3/ THARIF 712 C Popham 5-9-7 ... Antoinette Armes (7) 7
3 CUFF LINK W Hern 3-8-9 ... J Reid 3
4 3 EL DUCO 69 (BF) R Charlton 3-8-9 ... Pat Eddery 8
5 -205 GREEN KILT 20 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9 ... A Munro 5
6 0-5 RAGAZZO 23 K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-9 ... B Raymond 1
7 0402 THE LITTLE FERRET 12 R Hannon 3-8-9 ... B Rouse 4
8 00-0 WEST END GIRL 23 J Bennett 3-8-4 ... A McGlone 6
8-11 El Duco, 9-2 The Little Ferret, 11-2 Cuff Link, 7-1 Green Kilt, 14-1 Garry's Choice, 20-1 Ragazzo, 25-1 West End Girl, 33-1 Tharif.

4.00 BEAU BRUMMEL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 1f 209yd) (8)
1 0434 STEVIE'S WONDER 9 (G) T Mills 8-13 ... T Williams 6
2 000 MR BEAN 10 (V) W Jarvis 8-11 ... J Reid 1
3 P MISTER FORUM 6 B Meehan 8-9 ... R Perham 2
4 0530 FORMAL AFFAIR 8 (G) C Cyzer 8-8 ... J D Smith (7) 7
5 0660 POCONO KNIGHT 12 (V) M Madgwick 8-7 ... C Avery 8
6 0-10 FANFOLD 47 (C,F) R Akehurst 8-6 ... W Newnes 4
7 04 SLOE BRANDY 8 M Prescott 8-4 ... Pat Eddery 5
8 00 DO BE WARE 48 J Fitch-Heyes 8-1 ... A McGlone 3
6-4 Fanfold, 7-2 Stevie's Wonder, 4-1 Formal Affair, 6-1 Sloe Brandy, 10-1 Mr Bean, Pocono Knight, 14-1 Mister Forum, 20-1 Do Be Ware.

4.30 BRIGHTON SUMMER CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£3,084: 1m 3f 196yd) (7)
1 2-04 ADDICTED TO LOVE 29 (B,BF,G) P Makin 4-10-0 Pat Eddery 6
2 0221 HATTA RIVER 22 (B,F) W Hern 3-9-12 ... A Clark 3
3 1-00 TEMPLE KNIGHT 63 (D,G) C Cyzer 4-9-12 ... J D Smith (7) 4
4 4403 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 15 (F,G) Bob Jones 5-9-9 ... N Day 7
5 3604 LYN'S RETURN 21 (D,F,G) R Simpson 4-9-6 ... A Tucker 1
6 -004 SEDGY'S SISTER 21 P Jones 3-8-2 ... Stephen Davies (5) 2
7 1550 RAGTIME SONG 12 (CD,F) A Moore 4-9-0 ... N Adams 5
2-1 Hatta River, 3-1 Lookingforarainbow, 7-2 Addicted To Love, 11-2 Sedgy's Sister, 7-1 Lyn's Return, 8-1 Temple Knight, 16-1 Ragtime Song.

5.00 FITZHERBERT HANDICAP (£2,898: 5f 59yd) (7)
1 3546 BELLSABANGING 29 (D,F) D Laing 3-10-0 ... T Williams 2
2 3324 JULIET BRAVO 13 (D,F) J Fanshawe 3-9-9 ... A Munro 4
3 2065 MAID WELCOME 33 (B,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-9-7 J Reid 7
4 5054 TEE-EMM 27 (G) P Howling 3-9-0 ... W Newnes 1
5 3106 KENSWORTH LADY 14 (CD,G) M Blanshard 3-8-10 N Adams 6
6 -400 PAT POINDESTRES 15 (G) M Dixon 3-8-7 ... A Clark 5
7 40-0 BELLA BAMBOLA 23 K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-2 ... D Biggs 3
5-2 Bellsabanging, 3-1 Juliet Bravo, 4-1 Tee-Emm, 5-1 Maid Welcome, 6-1 Pat Poindestres, 8-1 Kensworth Lady, 14-1 Bella Bambola.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: W Hern, 5 winners from 18 runners, 27.8%; M Prescott, 18 from 72, 25.0%; R Akehurst, 21 from 97, 21.6%; R Hannon, 37 from 197, 18.8%; Lord Huntingdon, 4 from 24, 16.7%; P Makin, 4 from 26, 15.4%.
JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 20 winners from 88 rides, 22.7%; A Munro, 18 from 98, 18.4%; J Reid, 30 from 193, 15.5%; B Raymond, 8 from 53, 15.1%; T Sprake, 5 from 45, 11.1%; D Biggs, 6 from 55, 10.9%.

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 4.00 Mr Bean. HAMILTON: 4.10 Nosmo King, Salvor. YARMOUTH: 2.30 Abtaal, Southern Memories 2.50 Blue Point, 3.50 Varelito.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER
2.10 Wilsonic. 2.40 Barley Cake. 3.10 Dances With Gold. 3.40 Joellise. 4.10 Spring Loaded. 4.40 Great Oration.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F 4YD-6F 5YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 WALLACE QUINN, BARRACHNIE HANDICAP (£3,720: 1m 5f 9yd) (6 runners)
1 0212 NORTHERN GRADUATE 17 (C,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 ... K Darley 3
2 5141 MENTALASANYTHIN 5 (C,G,S) A Bailey 4-9-10 (4ex) A Mackay 1
3 3402 WILSONIC 10 (V) M Johnston 4-9-6 ... Dean McKeown 4
4 4202 BRIGGSMAID 2 (CD,F,G) J Eustace 5-8-7 ... M Tebbutt 5
5 0105 JAMES IS SPECIAL 8 (BF,G) H Collingridge 5-8-5 ... J Quinn 6
6 -134 BILBERRY 26 (G) C W Elsey 4-7-13 ... J Lowe 2
3-1 Northern Graduate, 7-2 Bilberry, 4-1 Mentalasanythin, Wilsonic 6-1 Briggsmaid, 8-1 James Is Special.

2.40 COREHOUSE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,579: 1m 65yd) (8)
1 413 DEVIOUS DANCER 9 (G) W G M Turner 9-0 ... D McCabe (5) 8
2 -524 PLEASE SAY YES 10 T Barron 8-8 ... V Halliday (7) 2
3 4 TINA'S DOMAIN 33 J Berry 8-5 ... J Carroll 5
4 1926 VELVET HEART 42 (G) P Haslam 8-5 ... K Darley 1
5 00-0 OLICANA 31 M Hammond 8-2 ... J Marshall (7) 3
6 0260 DESIRABLE MISS 28 (V,S) M Brittain 8-1 ... J Lowe 7
7 -604 MY BALLYBOY 7 A Bailey 8-0 ... A Mackay 6
8 0221 BARLEY CAKE 16 (F) T Fairhurst 7-11 ... J Fanning 4
9-4 Barley Cake, 3-1 Devious Dancer, 4-1 Please Say Yes, 6-1 Desirable Miss, Olicana, 7-1 Velvet Heart, 20-1 others.

3.10 IMI YORKSHIRE FITTINGS MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,071: 1m 65yd) (13)
1 3663 PEEDIE PEAT 7 J J O'Neill 3-10-0 ... O Pears (5) 6
2 000- MAGNETIC POINT 247 A Hide 4-9-9 ... J Carroll 13
3 6004 THE DANDY DON 13 Denys Smith 4-9-6 ... J Lowe 1
4 0353 FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 30 (V,BF) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-6 K Darley 4
5 0-00 THISONESFORALICE 10 A Harrison 5-9-3 ... J Fanning 3
6 5022 CANNY LAD 8 (V) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-3 ... K Fallon 2
7 0044 RAGS ASSAYF 15 R Whitaker 3-8-13 ... A Culhane 5
8 5000 GRANDERISE 6 N Tinkler 3-8-12 ... M Birch 9
9 0654 VENTURE FOURTH 14 E Alston 4-8-8 ... J Quinn 7
10 0554 DANCES WITH GOLD 9 (B) M Johnston 3-8-7 ... Dean McKeown 12
11 0-56 QUESSONG 6 (V) F Lee 3-8-6 ... R Lappin 8
12 0050 PERSIAN LION 9 F Watson 4-8-6 ... Alex Greaves 11
13 0025 HYDROPIC 13 D Chapman 6-8-2 ... S Wood 10
4-1 Canny Lad, 9-2 Rags Assayf, 6-1 Venture Fourth, 13-2 Peedie Peat, The Dandy Don, 7-1 Fletcher's Bounty, 8-1 Dances With Gold, 10-1 others.

3.40 ARTHUR BALDING HANDICAP (£3,080: 6f 5yd) (5)
1 6010 DIET 5 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 7-10-3 (7ex) R Havlin (7) 1
2 0343 AYR RAIDER 6 (V,CD,F,G) Miss L Perratt 6-9-10 ... J Fanning 5
3 1312 MISS WHITTINGHAM 7 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-5 P Roberts (7) 3
4 0640 BEST EFFORT 17 (D,F,S) M Naughton 7-9-0 ... K Fallon 4
5 0051 JOELLISE 6 (V,G,S) J Balding 3-7-10 (7ex) Claire Balding (7) 2
2-1 Miss Whittingham, 11-4 Ayr Raider, 100-30 Joellise, 9-2 Best Effort, 7-1 Diet.

4.10 LEE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,691: 5f 4yd) (5)
1 1136 JIMMY THE SKUNK 12 (CD,F,S) J Berry 9-2 ... J Carroll 4
2 4 HENRY THE HAWK 24 M Dods 8-11 ... S Webster 1
3 050 NOSMO KING 37 (B) J Berry 8-11 ... K Darley 3
4 0000 SALVOR 12 (V) J Hetherton 8-11 ... J Lowe 2
5 3433 SPRING LOADED 7 M Johnston 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 5
6-4 Jimmy The Skunk, 15-8 Spring Loaded, 100-30 Henry The Hawk, 6-1 Salvor, 20-1 Nosmo King.

4.40 CRAIGNETHAN MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,004: 1m 3f 16yd) (8)
1 2420 MR WOODCOCK 30 Mrs M Reveley 8-9-10 ... J Carroll 7
2 2245 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 13 J Hetherton 3-9-7 ... J Lowe 5
3 4-02 BAY TERN 24 T Dyer 7-9-4 ... M Birch 2
4 0802 GREAT ORATION 8 F Watson 4-9-0 ... A Mackay 3
5 0300 MOST SOUXTABLE 14 C Thornton 3-8-13 ... J Fanning 4
6 2053 CORNFLAKE 10 Denys Smith 3-8-10 ... K Fallon 8
7 6465 SIR EDWARD HENRY 7 (B) F Lee 3-8-10 ... R Lappin 6
8 -006 DON'T CRY 43 E Incisa 5-8-3 ... Kim Tinkler 1
3-1 Cornflake, 4-1 Great Oration, 9-2 Bay Tern, 6-1 Mr Woodcock, 7-1 Most Souxtable, 8-1 Absalom's Pillar, 10-1 Sir Edward Henry, 25-1 Don't Cry

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 21 winners from 88 runners, 23.9%; J Berry, 53 from 267, 19.9%; C W Elsey, 3 from 18, 16.7%; M Johnston, 21 from 130, 16.2%; W G M Turner, 4 from 28, 14.3%; M Hammond, 3 from 22, 13.6%.
JOCKEYS: M Tebbutt, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%; R Havlin, 7 from 33, 21.2%; J Carroll, 45 from 226, 19.9%; Dean McKeown, 38 from 216, 17.6%; K Darley, 43 from 252, 17.1%; J Fanning, 17 from 128, 13.3%.

☐ Johnnie Gilbert, the former National Hunt jockey, died at his Newmarket home on Tuesday, aged 72. Gilbert, the father-in-law of Flat rider Ray Cochrane, built a considerable reputation over hurdles. In September 1959 he established a record sequence of ten victories, equalled in 1986 by Phil Tuck. When he retired he formed the apprentice training school, which helped earn him an MBE for services to racing.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Doncaster

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, POST IMPRESSIONIST (L Dettori, 5-2); 2, Ann Hill (W Ryan, 2-1 fav); 3, Ravenspur (M Roberts, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9 Battura (5th), 12 Restless Minstrel (6th), 16 Ghylldale, 20 Bajan Affair (4th), Manulife, 33 Simply Superb, Ten High. 10 ran. Hd, 8l, 1½l, 1½l, 10l. J Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £3.10; £1.10, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £3.00. CSF: £8.04. No bid.

3.00 (7f) 1, HEVER GOLF ROSE (Paul Eddery, 3-1); 2, Tashie (L Dettori, 9-2); 3, Rose Ciel (M Roberts, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Indahra, 7 Fabulous Princess, 10 Red Dancer, 11 Yo, 12 Glenvally (6th), 14 Mumtaz Flypast (4th), 20 Ballard Ring (5th), 33 Tautellane, Miss Temerity. 12 ran. ½l, 1½l, 1l, 4l, ½l. T Naughton at Epsom. Tote: £4.10; £1.90, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £10.60. CSF: £18.73.

3.30 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, SHIRLEY ROSE (Dean McKeown, 13-2); 2, Latvian (J Weaver, 6-1); 3, Beaumen (T Quinn, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Self Expression (6th), 11-2 Supertop (4th), 6 Best Appearance (5th), 13-2 Azureus, 8 Duplicate, 16 Move Smartly, 20 Robenko. 10 ran. ¾l, sh hd, 1½l, ¾l, 1l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £6.30; £2.50, £2.60, £2.30. DF: £19.90. Trio: £40.20. CSF: £43.89. Tricast: £359.55.

4.00 (1m) 1, EAST LIBERTY (L Dettori, 13-2); 2, Serotina (T Quinn, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, Croire (Paul Eddery, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav City Times, 6 Don't Jump (6th), 13-2 Frosty Morning (4th), 10 Spice And Sugar, 14 Spring Sunrise (5th), 20 Kennedys Prima, 25 Royal Diva. 10 ran. NR: Shahaada. ¾l, 2l, 5l, ½l, 1l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £9.00; £2.60, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £21.70. CSF: £33.72. Tricast: £144.94.

4.30 (6f) 1, SIWAAYIB (W R Swinburn, 6-1); 2, Realities (W Carson, 7-4 fav); 3, Knock To Enter (J Williams, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Brigg Fair (4th), 25 Hickory Blue (5th), 33 Calamenco (6th). 6 ran. NR: The Old Chapel. Nk, ¾l, 2l, 2l, ¾l. A Scott at Newmarket. Tote: £6.20; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £6.20. CSF: £15.93. 1min 13.89sec.

5.00 (5f) 1, CHARITY EXPRESS (D Biggs, 12-1); 2, Cloudy Reef (M Humphries, 7-1); 3, Suragon (J Williams, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Trevorsninepoints (5th), 15-2 The Fed, 8 Primula Bairn (4th), Vishnobon, 12 Lida's Delight (6th), 14 Disco Boy, 33 Fordalia. 10 ran. NR: Our Mica. Nk, 2¼l, hd, ¾l, ¾l. D Cosgrove at Newmarket. Tote: £11.40; £3.10, £1.60, £2.90. DF: £33.80. Trio: £82.70. CSF: £88.44. Tricast: £675.86. 1min 0.90sec. Our Mica (5-1) was deemed not to have started — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 15p in pound.

Placepot: £180.10.

Yarmouth

Going: good

2.15 (7f 3yd) 1, Roca Murada (P McCabe, 13-2); 2, Jahangir (8-1); 3, Bill Moon (5-1). 2-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Bonus Shining Jewel 9-2 jt-fav. Point. Hd, 2l. M Ryan. Tote: £8.30; £2.50, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £49.90. CSF: £58.33. Tricast: £285.77.

2.45 (7f 3yd) 1, Major Success (D Holland, 8-1); 2, Moment of Glory (6-4 fav); 3, Pat's Splendour (14-1). 12 ran. 4l, sh hd. B Hills. Tote: £7.10; £1.80, £1.20, £3.40. DF: £5.90. CSF: £15.07.

3.15 (6f 3yd) 1, Sir Oliver (A Munro, 7-1); 2, Red Admiral (11-2); 3, Guesstimation (8-1). Hail Bank Cottage 4-1 fav. 11 ran. Sh hd, 2l. R Hodges. Tote: £9.90; £2.70, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £19.60. CSF: £43.93. Tricast: £293.02.

3.45 (5f 43yd) 1, Dance Focus (Pat Eddery, 8-11 fav); 2, Ingozi (11-4); 3, Iradah (7-1). 8 ran. NR: Exotic Forest. Hd, hd. W O'Gorman. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.30.

4.15 (2m 2f 51yd) 1, Danger Baby (G Duffield, 14-1); 2, Rowlandsons Gold (25-1); 3, Pondering (4-7 fav). 4 ran. 3½l, 3½l. Bob Jones. Tote: £7.80. DF: £16.40. CSF: £104.94.

4.45 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Miss Shegra (B Raymond, 7-2); 2, Let's Get Lost (8-4); 3, Big Blue (9-2). 5 ran. Nk, 1½l. M Stoute. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £4.70. CSF: £10.33.

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Hills: Yarmouth win

☐ Willie Carson missed Tenby's final gallop at Newmarket yesterday before the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. Carson could not get there when his plane could not take off. In his absence, Willie Ryan took over.

Guinness to sponsor Arkle

GUINNESS is taking over the sponsorship of the Arkle Chase at the Cheltenham festival next year. The Guinness Arkle Chase, the championship chase for two mile novices on the opening day of the three-day meeting, will have £75,000 in total prize-money.

Lord Vestey, chairman of Cheltenham, commented: "This brings together two of the most significant elements of the festival: the greatest chaser in National Hunt history and the national drink of Ireland."

Boldness of youth causes ripples at highest level

Jane Elliott on the rise of a new generation of water skiers and the parents splashing out to steer them to the top

MARC ASPLAND

Up, up and away: Vicky Campbell, 15, launched her fledgling career by winning two bronze medals against more experienced rivals at the national championships last weekend

As tiny Rachel Crosland struggled to carry her trick ski and rope to the start jetty at the national water skiing championships at Gosfield Lake, in Essex, last Saturday, one spectator was heard to mutter to his wife: "I'm off to the bar until the big names are out again."

By the time he had got there, about 40 seconds later, the 12-year-old Crosland had ensured that at least one big name would not be coming out again. The announcement came that she had just scored twice as many points as the ten-time British overall champion, Philippa Roberts, aged 33, and taken the lead. The would-be drinker sat down agog.

As far as competition goes, it is getting harder to tell the difference between junior and senior events, especially in Britain. More than half of the medals at the national championships were won by skiers under 21.

The British senior team, a third of whom are aged 18 or less, is one of the strongest in Europe. The British junior team is one of the strongest in the world. Last year, they were beaten only once, by the United States at the world junior championships in Colombia. At the European junior championships last year, they collected a record haul of 13 medals: six gold, six silver and a bronze. The margin with which they won the European youth cup was unprecedented.

British juniors are winning senior medals not just on the national circuit but at leading international competitions too. And this is not a sport dominated by teenagers: the average age of a European champion is close to 30. Of the three elements required to win the main overall title, tricks, slalom and jump, only the gymnastically orientated tricks lends itself well to the suppleness of youth. Yet many of the British juniors have already won masters titles and European medals in the jump and slalom events.

The success is in part due to the British Water Ski Federation's policy of finding and encouraging new talent, and in part down to the cold war — or at least Alexander Minenok's approach to it. Minenok, formerly a member of the Soviet team and European champion, is the national coach. Coming from a country where most of the lakes are frozen for at least half of the year, he has an unusual approach to training.

"It doesn't matter what the weather is like or how cold it is, we train anyway. Although Alex doesn't like us to ski when the lake is frozen, in case we fall and cut ourselves on the ice," Marie Toms, aged 13, said. She has just been selected to compete in the European Dauphin championships, the age category for 14 and under, and in the youth cup team.

Most of them, it appears, would ski in any conditions given the choice. Pelting rain is a particular favourite because, as Toms put it, "then Alex gets really wet too".

On the occasions when it is unsafe to let them go out, Minenok improves their stamina with five-mile runs, has them trampolining with water skis on, double skipping or carpet skiing. This last innovation involves one person standing on a ski while another runs round the room pulling them with a bit of rope. The youngsters see it as fun and the sessions invariably dissolve into laughter, but it does have a valid purpose. Minenok explained: "The one on the ski is improving balance, the other upper-body strength and the laughter, well that improves team spirit."

Occasionally there are tears. Or frustration at not being able to get something right, bitterness at messing up in a competition, or the big one — not making the team. With such a glut of talent and only so many places someone is bound to be left out. One of this year's victims was Vicky Campbell, aged 15. "At first I just cried and cried and then I just wanted to prove the selectors wrong so I'd be in next time," she said. At the national championships she did just that, winning two bronze medals behind skiers up to twice her age.

Her parents were so thrilled they agreed to pay for her to go to Rome this weekend so she could ski as an individual at the European junior championships this year. A similar gamble with her elder brother, Glen, 16, paid off after he was excluded last year. He came home with the gold slalom medal.

Parental support is the mainstay of the system. Sponsorship at this level is scarce and with a tow costing anything up to £8, the investment required to keep each child skiing at top level is about £6,000 a year. Parents are easy to spot. A man with a worried look on his face next to a woman who can't bear to watch. Their unanimous opinion, however, seems to be that it is worth it.

After her success over Roberts in the first round of the national trick event, Crosland's binding broke just as she was about to ski in the slalom finals. It was Roberts who ran round frantically asking women to let down their ponytails so she could use the bands to tie it up. Such generosity may soon be something the older competitors can ill afford.

Youngsters' adventure nearing final chapter

By Keith Pike

HAVING captivated two audiences, England's brightest young footballers will tonight try to capture a place in the final of the European under-18 championship. A draw against Spain will be sufficient, and on the evidence to date it should not prove beyond them.

But while England's success may have been anticipated — they have won the tournament a record eight times since it was inaugurated in 1948 — the manner in which they have achieved it has caught a few people on the hop, not least the staff at the Bescot Stadium in Walsall.

They had been anticipating a crowd of around 2,500 for England's match against Holland on Tuesday night, only for 7,561 to turn up. England won 4-1 and, according to Roy Whalley, the Walsall chief executive, the telephone has not stopped ringing since. A full house of around 10,000, attracted as much by the inventiveness of the England team as by admission prices of £2 for a seat, is expected tonight.

With 6,756 having watched England's opening victory over France at the Victoria Ground in Stoke on Sunday, and all three games being shown live on satellite television, the players have been given every opportunity to impress. They have taken that chance.

Inevitably, it is the strikers who have caught the eye, for the quality as well as the quantity of their goals. Robbie Fowler, of Liverpool, and his pal from Queens Park Rangers, Kevin Gallen, have each scored twice, as has Julian Joachim, the Leicester City forward of fleet foot and nimble mind. The only player from outside the FA Carling Premiership in the squad, he has looked the most at home at international level.

All three have thrived on the service from a back four willing to play the ball to their feet rather than hoof it speculatively, and a midfield trio in which Darren Caskey, of Tottenham, has mixed venom with vision in equal measure. When called upon, Caskey's club colleague, Christopher Day, has proved an agile goalkeeper with an outstanding positional sense.

None of which has come as any surprise to Ted Powell, the manager. He never played professionally, but the experience gained while winning 51 England amateur caps, twice captaining the Great Britain Olympic side and managing Sutton United, Wycombe Wanderers and the Malawi national team means he knows a good youngster when he sees one.

"These lads can play a bit," he said before a ball had been kicked. Now he is demanding more. "There is still room for improvement," he said at the squad's Lilleshall base yesterday. "There have been one or two outstanding individual performances, but our passing and defending can get better."

The squad relaxed yesterday with a trip to the cinema — three games in five days can tire even the youngest of limbs — while Powell himself preferred to watch a video of tonight's opponents. The winners will face either Turkey, the holders, or Portugal in the final at the City Ground, Nottingham, on Sunday.

☐ Gavin Peacock, the Newcastle United midfield player, yesterday joined their FA Carling Premiership rivals, Chelsea, for £1,250,000.

Peacock scored 18 goals in 42 games for Newcastle last season, but after helping them make a flying start to their first division promotion campaign did not play in the first team after February. Peacock, 25, was with Queens Park Rangers, Gillingham and Bournemouth before joining Newcastle in 1990. He has signed a four-year contract.

DETAILS

Group one

RESULTS: Portugal 0, Romania 0; Hungary 1, Turkey 1; Portugal 2, Hungary 0; Romania 0, Turkey 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Portugal	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Hungary	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Romania	2	0	1	1	0	3	1

Group two

RESULTS: Holland 2, Spain 3, England 2, France 0, Holland 1, England 4, Spain 4, France 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Spain	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Holland	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
France	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Joachim: nimble

World Cup provides Indulgence with hope

By Malcolm McKeag

THERE was good and bad news for Indulgence, the flagship of the United Kingdom team in the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup, which begins in a week's time, as she finished fifth overall in the 50ft World Cup regatta at Cowes yesterday.

Indulgence, skippered by Graham Walker, scored a first, a second and a third in seven races, proving she can compete with the best. The bad news with regard to her chances next week is that six of her seven opponents have proved at Cowes that they can beat her.

Perhaps ominously, the boat that won the series was Corum Saphir, representing France, the Admiral's Cup holders. Indulgence lacks nothing by way of crewing skills and little by way of speed. If she was outsailed anywhere, however, it was tactically.

There is good news of a backhanded sort in that some of the powerful "brains trust" that sailed against Indulgence in the World Cup fleet will now diversify into the Two Tonners and One Tonners which make up each nation's team, while Indulgence was racing with her Admiral's Cup crew.

In the Two Ton world championship, Provezza, which will represent the United Kingdom next Thursday, finished second in the long offshore race. Provezza was sailed largely by her regular Turkish crew, but had aboard some of those who will next week take her over, including the skipper, Stuart Childerley.

Even more encouraged will be the Irish. Sporting the emerald livery she will wear next week, John Storey's Jameson 2 handsomely won the Two Tonners' long offshore race.

RESULTS: 50ft World Cup leg four (Cowes): 1, Corum Saphir (J-P Bannwart, Farr, Fr); 2, Canet Vik-Cimzen (W Forss, Farr, Swe); 3, Ragamuffin (S Fischer, Farr, Aus); 4, Manchineel (G Castaro, Farr, It); 5, Indulgence, G Walker, Farr, UK); 6, Container (U Schutz, Judel-Vrolijk, Ger). Two Ton world championship (after six of seven races): 1, Shockwave (N Crichton, Farr, NZ); 2, Larouge (D DeGennaro, Farr, It); 3, Swing (S Suzuki, Judel-Vrolijk, Japan); 4, Rubin XII (H-O Schumann, Judel-Vrolijk, Ger); 5, Corum Rubis (M Kermarec, Farr, Fr).

Arms Park will be stage for Lewis v Bruno

By Our Sports Staff

LENNOX Lewis said yesterday he wanted to take his World Boxing Council heavyweight title defence against Frank Bruno "to the people" after Cardiff Arms Park, instead of Wembley Stadium, became the most likely venue for the contest on October 1.

Pen will not be put to paper until lunchtime today, with the original announcement postponed because Bruno's promoter, Mickey Duff, was unavailable for yesterday's planned news conference at the Cafe Royal in London.

"At this stage, We don't have a signed contract," Duff said. "There are things in the contract I'm not happy with, but I don't visualise any problems. If common sense prevails, I'm confident we will have an agreement."

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said: "Lennox said to me 'I've had all my fights in London; let's give this one to the people'. He made the final decision late on Tuesday after considering a very good offer from Wembley.

"We recently attended the WWF wrestling at Wembley and we felt that we will probably get a better atmosphere in Cardiff. When I was last in Cardiff, people kept coming up to me and saying how much they wanted the fight to take place at the Arms Park.

"The facilities are some of the best I've seen, the stadium is one of the best in Britain, and Lennox gave his approval after hearing my report."

Bruno was also delighted with the choice, and said: "Frank Maloney thinks that by staging it in Wales, he will take the support of my fans away, but I have got just as many supporters in Wales. I just hope Frank keeps to his word because there's a lot of people who want to go on holiday. In a recession, it's hard for them to save up the money and take time off work.

"I don't want to get involved in a slanging match with Lennox or Frank Maloney. I'm just concentrating on the fight. I would like to thank Frank very much for giving me this opportunity."

Lewis will earn about £3.5 million for the second defence of the WBC crown, while Bruno will pocket about £1 million for his third attempt at the world title, having lost to Tim Witherspoon, in 1986, and Mike Tyson (1989).

Tickets for the 60,000 seats will soon go on sale with prices ranging from £250 to £25.

Lewis will train in England for two weeks before switching his camp for the better sparring on offer in America — possibly in Washington DC — before moving back around mid-September.

The contest between Lewis and Bruno will provide a publicity competition for the Nigel Benn v Chris Eubank super-middleweight re-match at Old Trafford a week later.

Lewis: second defence

The bout, which had been called off several times, came back on the agenda after Lewis's scheduled defence against Tommy Morrison, of the United States, was put off until next year. After Lewis defeated Tony Tucker to retain his crown in May, Maloney said the next defence would be against Bruno on September 25 in Cardiff, but the bout was called off after a dispute over how the purse would be split.

Maloney then announced that Lewis was "signed, sealed and delivered" to meet Morrison in the autumn, but the Lewis camp was unable to reach agreement with Caesars Palace in Las Vegas for a meeting on November 5.

Baseball stadium damaged by fire

By Our Sports Staff

FIRE swept through a section of Atlanta-Fulton county baseball stadium on Tuesday, sending supporters and players scurrying for safety as black smoke poured from the burning press box.

The fire, in the stadium's middle level, started 90 minutes before Atlanta Braves were due to play St Louis Cardinals and was put out within 45 minutes.

One fireman was taken to a hospital suffering from heat exhaustion and as many as ten others were treated on the scene for heat related problems. Remarkably, no other injuries were reported.

A crowd of more than 40,000 was expected, and the few hundred who arrived early were evacuated. While Braves management and fire officials decided whether the game could be played safely, supporters milled outside the stadium. Finally, the game began two hours late.

Joe Torre, the manager of the Cardinals, was in the clubhouse when he heard about the fire.

"I just ran out onto the field and looked up, and it scared the hell out of me," he said. "I just kept running into the outfield."

Larry Tanner, the Atlanta assistant fire chief, said he thought the fire was caused by an electrical problem. He said that five box suites were destroyed and a sixth was heavily damaged.

Stan Kasten, the Braves president, said he does not believe the 28-year-old stadium sustained structural damage, although 2,000 seats were affected by the blaze.

The fire apparently started in a suite rented by the radio station, WGST, on the third-base side of the press level. Matt Stewart, of WGST, said nobody was in the suite when the fire started. A loud explosion was heard several minutes after the fire began.

Burning debris fell onto the field-level seats, flames shot through the club level and black smoke billowed above the 52,013-seat stadium. Players from both teams stood on the field and watched.

Moser dismisses Obree's record ride

THE former holder of the world one-hour cycling record, Francesco Moser, yesterday refused to acknowledge that Graeme Obree, 27, from Ayr in Scotland, has beaten his nine-year-old time.

Moser, of Italy, said of the Scot's 51.596km ride in Hamar, Norway on Saturday — which broke his record by 445 metres: "Obree has not really beaten me." Pointing to the different conditions involved in cycling in a velodrome, where Obree recorded his time, and in the open air in Mexico, where Moser set his record, he went on: "If Obree went to Mexico and he was still able to go faster, then, yes, I would admit there is no difference.

"I think the two records should be made distinct, one in covered velodromes, one in the open air. The conditions were different. That's why I don't think Obree has beaten me." He added Obree had prepared more than anyone else for the attempt and had almost dedicated his life to achieving the record.

Moser said he underwent only two months' intensive preparation before his first attempt, on January 20, 1984. He went on to break the hour record twice in four days then and, in 1986, set new figures for the fastest time recorded at sea-level.

Obree, an amateur, unlike Moser, who was an established professional, broke the record 24 hours after failing with his first attempt, when he finished just 462 metres short of his target.

Moser is the second former holder of the record to criticise Obree's effort, made on a bike he built himself from, among other things, a piece of old washing machine. Eddy Merckx, the great Belgian cyclist who won the Tour de France on five occasions between 1969 and 1974, said times had changed and that the sport was different when Moser set the record.

Criticising innovative riding techniques and machinery, Merckx said: "Everybody rides with the means and techniques available. The rules have completely changed in the last 20 years. It is not very pretty to watch."

Another Briton, the Olympic pursuit champion from last year's Games in Barcelona, Chris Boardman, is to attempt to break the record tomorrow in Bordeaux, also on a revolutionary bike. Boardman is confident that he, too, can set new fastest figures: "I have been preparing for seven months and it is the only thing I have been thinking about," he said. "It will be tough, but I think I can do it."

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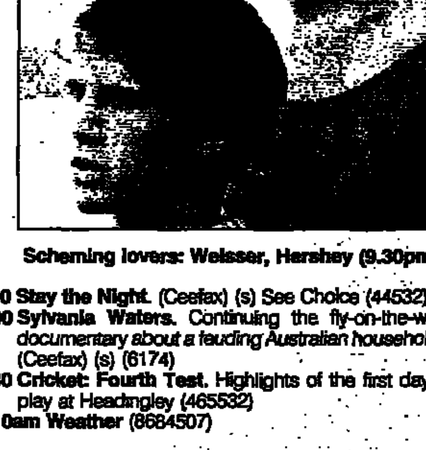
BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (73483)
7.00 Breakfast News (16393990)
9.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (5521261) 9.30 Why Don't You..? Entertaining ideas for youngsters at a loose end (r) (s) (28209)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3547984) 10.05 Playdays (r) (s) (8587667) 10.25 Run the Risk. Children's game show (r) (9563087) 10.50 The O-Zone. Pop music (s) (7620700)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6607919) 11.05 Knots Landing. Spin-off from the *Dallas* saga (r) (4968984) 11.50 *Animal Heroes*. Animated series based on true stories of animal bravery (8330209)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7247990) 12.05 Amazon. Captain Cousteau explores the Amazon Indians' way of life (1221087) 12.55 Regional News and weather (86979919)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (17754) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (72808464)
1.50 Look Again at Garden Birds. Eric Thompson encourages budding ornithologists with an introduction to the birds that can be seen in the average garden (r) (72802280) 2.15 The Flying Doctors. *Australian* drama. (Ceefax) (s) (3841261)
3.00 Cricket: Fourth Test. Further live coverage of the first day's play in the match at Headingley between England and Australia (s) (6938)
4.00 Cartoon. *Barnyard Babies* (2711551) 4.10 Orville and Cuddles (r) (2335667) 4.15 The All New Popeye Show. Two cartoons (r) (3818613) 4.35 Tom Alone. The first of a three-part Canadian children's drama (1823629)
5.00 Newsround (6817667) 5.10 Record Breakers (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5423342)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (361377). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (667)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (919). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (8938)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (803)
8.00 *Keeping Up Appearances*. Hyacinth, realising that husband Richard is bored following early retirement, urges him to take up a hobby (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4358). Wales: Crime Limited
8.30 Crime Limited presented by Nick Ross. Tonight's programme includes the man who lives in fear of his murderer son and the taxi driver who was hijacked and forced to carry an IRA bomb to Whitehall. (Ceefax) (s) (6193). Wales: Royal Welsh 1993
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (1629)



Scheming lovers: Weisser, Hershey (9.30pm)

9.30 Stay the Night. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (44532)
11.00 Sylvania Waters. Continuing the fly-on-the-wall *documentary about a feuding Australian household*. (Ceefax) (s) (6174)
11.30 Cricket: Fourth Test. Highlights of the first day's play at Headingley (465532)
12.10am Weather (8684507)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Einstein's General Relativity (7295071) 7.10 Floating an Integral (6254483) 7.35 Materials: Cast in the Right Mould (3213667)
8.00 Breakfast News (2123261)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of yesterday's business in both Houses (1302071)
9.00 *Film: The Man Who Came To Dinner* (1941, b/w). See Choice (88432342)
10.50 Cricket: Fourth Test. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the opening session of the first day's play in the match at Headingley between England and Australia. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Ray Illingworth, Geoff Boycott, Jack Bannister and Ian Chappell (s) (26910377)
1.00 Look Stranger: In the Footsteps of Tess. A look *at the Dorset countryside from the perspective of* Thomas Hardy's heroine, Tess of the D'Urbervilles (r) (13768648) 1.20 Bertha (r) (17739984)
1.35 Cricket: Fourth Test (s) (1309071)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3721342) followed by Westminster Live. Iain Macwhirter introduces prime minister's questions. (Ceefax) (2894754) 3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9687174)
4.00 Cricket: Fourth Test. Live coverage of the final session of the first day's play at Headingley (s) (41254803)
6.25 Aliya the Asian Elephant. The story of a baby elephant in Sri Lanka who is separated from the main herd and befriended by a small farm boy who cares for him and then returns him to his mother in the wild (r). (Ceefax) (s) (725803)

A touch of the rumbas: Agnes McLean (7.15pm)

7.15 In Cuba They're Still Dancing. A film following *Agnes McLean, a socialist and Latin American* dance enthusiast, as she makes a reverential trip from her Glasgow dance class to the Tropicana in Havana to find the roots of the rumba (283342)
7.50 Business Matters: The Giant Has Woken. David Lomax reports from Guangdong, China's southernmost province and the world's fastest growing economy. (Ceefax) (164464)
8.30 The Travel Show. Carol Smillie discovers that there is more than meets the eye in Malta; and Paddy Haycocks is in Torquay to see if it lives up to its reputation as the English Riviera (4735)
9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. Comedy sketches written by and starring Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie (r). *(Ceefax) (s) (9071)*
9.30 Pandora's Box: To the Brink of Eternity (colour and b/w) (r). (Ceefax) See Choice (83280)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Sue Cameron and Francine Stock. A specially-extended edition to bring live coverage and comment on the climax of the Maastricht debate in the House of Commons (60150990)
12.15am Weather (86774120)

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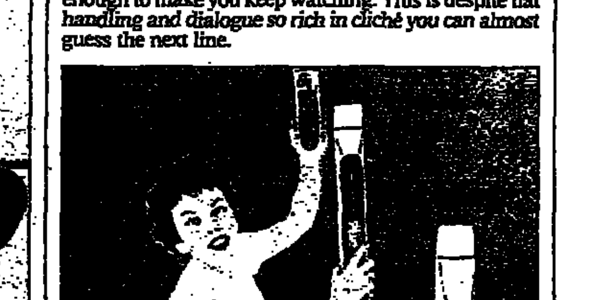
CHOICE

The Truth Lies in Rostock
Channel 4, 10.35pm

In August last year a right-wing mob launched a petrol bomb attack against a refugee hostel and a home for Vietnamese guest workers in the Baltic port of Rostock in the former East Germany. As the police stood by, thousands of ordinary people clapped and cheered. This impressive documentary reconstructs the incident in painstaking detail with footage shot at the time and interviews with the attackers, their victims, *local politicians and the police. It brings out the social* tensions caused by the upheaval of German reunification and shows how popular resentment became directed at foreigners. But the implicit message is that right-wing extremism is not just a matter of young skinheads throwing Molotov cocktails but raises deeper questions about the attitude of government and police.

Stay the Night
BBC1, 9.30pm

A two-part drama from America stars Barbara Hershey as the curiously-named Jimmie Sue Finger, a middle-aged woman who has a steamy affair with an 18-year-old schoolboy. Since Jimmie Sue looks like Marilyn Monroe, wiggles her hips and dresses like a tart, you can understand why young Mike (Morgan Weisser) should be infatuated by her. Her excuse is that *she is married to a charmless brute who has been* sexually abusing their daughter. The lovers decide that hubby will have to go. The story is so unlikely that it has to be based on fact and it is fascinatingly lurid enough to make you keep watching. This is despite flat *handling and dialogue so rich in cliché you can almost* guess the next line.



Satellite wars: delusions of science (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Pandora's Box: To the Brink of Eternity
BBC2, 9.30pm

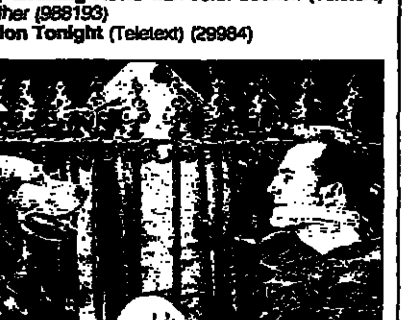
One of the outstanding documentary series of 1992 gets an early and deserved repeat. The achievement of *Pandora's Box* was to succeed where television so often fails, in tackling the world of ideas. It did so, moreover, with lucidity and style. The theme of the six programmes is the self-delusion of scientists, and it is *nowhere better illustrated than in tonight's film about* the Cold War. It shows how a think-tank of young American academics became convinced that rational scientific analysis could wrest the initiative from the Soviet Union. But the result was a frightening descent into megalomania.

The Man Who Came to Dinner
BBC2, 9.00am

Here is a rare example of a filmed play which succeeds despite making little attempt to open out the action. Sheridan Whiteside (Monty Woolley), a columnist of formidable reputation and biting tongue, breaks his hip on a lecture tour and imposes himself on a mid-west family while he recuperates. For the most part as immobile as its hero, the film succeeds through the pace and brilliance of the repartee. Whiteside, a thinly disguised version of the irascible Alexander Woolcott, *was created by the famous writing team of George* S. Kaufman and Moss Hart. The screen adaptation was by the Epstein brothers, who wrote *Casablanca*. Bette Davis plays Whiteside's secretary and the director is William Keighley. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (5869629)
9.25 Talkabout. Game show (5527445) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (4966990)
10.00 Elfego Baca. Disney's wild west adventure series (3668396) 10.55 News headlines (7191629)
11.00 James Bond Jr (7101006) 11.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers *(7104193) 11.55* London Today (Teletext) and weather (7308025)
12.00 Cartoon featuring Donald Duck (r) (3496342) 12.10 The Riddlers (r) (2721803)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Carol Barnes and Nicholas Owen. (Teletext) Weather (7011280) 1.05 London Today (Teletext) and weather (17827193)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian drama. (Teletext) (653984) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama *set in the Australian outback (s) (758483)*
2.15 House Style. Home improvement show presented by Dilly Barlow and Alistair Macdonald. Includes a visit to the Essex home of Mary Whitehouse (740464) 2.45 Take the High Road (9888782)
3.10 News headlines (3812648) 3.15 London Today (Teletext) and weather (3811919) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Australian drama serial (2321445)
3.50 Cartoon with Sylvester (9473174) 3.55 The Wisdom of the Gnomes (5193261) 4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club (r) (3997174) 4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures (r) (1847209)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2609464)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) *Weather (988193)*
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (29984)



Chained to the railings: Gavin Kitchen (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Steve Marshal (Gavin Kitchen) finds out the hard way that it does not pay to mess with Elizabeth Pollard. (Teletext) (3006)
7.30 *Voyager: Everest — Into the Death Zone*. Tim Macartney-Snape attempts to become the first person to walk from sea level to the summit of Everest, alone and without oxygen (s) (241)
8.00 The Bill: Part of the Family. Sun Hill officers look into the case of a female immigrant who is being treated like a slave. (Teletext) (2754)
8.30 Michael Ball. The singer's guests are country singer Tammy Wynette and pop group Take That (s) (1261)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Drama series about army life focusing on a British regiment on a tour of duty in Hong Kong (r). (Teletext) (s) (8803)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) *Weather (76358) 10.30 London Tonight (Teletext)* and weather (838209)
10.40 Big City. Last in the series on the arts and entertainment in the Carlton region (s) (333174)
11.15 Film: The Heist (1971) starring Warren Beatty and Goldie Hawn. Comedy crime caper about a security expert who decides to rob safe boxes belonging to three criminals because he believes the thefts will never be reported. Directed by Richard Brooks (83785174)
1.35am Hollywood Report (s) (2781472)
2.00 Donahue. The guests are glamorous female impersonators (26566)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (33588)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (51033)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (42168)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (58197)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (34168). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon (1700990) 6.45 Ovide. Animation (9562803)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (12367)
9.00 Saved By the Bell. American high school drama series (r) (86735)
9.30 Batman and Robin. Gotham City's finest continue *their battles with the Wizard (r) (6110483)* 9.50 Short Tall Story. Animation (4965261)
9.55 Once Upon a Time... Space. Cartoon exploration of the universe (6171716) 10.25 Sebastian Star Bear. Animated adventures of a bear that comes from outer space to rescue a family of grizzlies threatened by an evil showman (34654087)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (93071)
12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (r) (92735) 1.30 Take 5. Cartoons (14006)
2.00 Film: Tony Draws A Horse (1950) starring Cecil Parker and Anne Crawford. British comedy about a couple's marriage problems after they disagree on the measures to be taken when their eight-year-old son draws a rude picture of a horse. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs (876358)
3.40 Cyclists Special. A film short about an excursion train taking cyclists from urban smog to the rural Midlands (r) (9955311)
3.55 The Secret Life Of... Tim Hunkin with everything you would want to know about the washing machine *(r) (3151193)*
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (984)
5.00 Oprah Gold. A repeat of the 1988 programme in which the hostess revealed how she lost nearly 70lb on a crash diet. (Teletext) (2931261)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (652629)
6.00 Hypnosis. The first of a new dance music series, first shown on Sunday (s) (377)
6.30 A Different World. American campus comedy series (s) (629)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Anne Perkins (Teletext) Weather (380174)
7.50 Comment. The government is criticised by Alex Wright because of the plan to criminalise squatting (828700)
8.00 Moments of Crisis. David Woodward was aged 13 when he suffered terrible facial injuries. Two years later, his father, who had helped him come to terms with his appearance, became another accident victim and incurred similar injuries to those of his son (2416)
8.30 Tour de France. The 190km stage from Tarbes to Pau which includes the last important climb — the 2115m Col de Tourmalet (9803)

Man of the cloth: Palin with Smith (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: The Missionary (1983) starring Michael Palin, Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott and Trevor Howard. Comedy about a missionary who, after ten years in Africa, is called back to London in order to run a Mission for Fallen Women in London's East End. Directed by Richard Loncraine. (Teletext) (31867957)
10.35 The Truth Lies in Rostock. See Choice (42618822)
12.10am An Audience With Jackie Mason. The former rabbi entertains an appreciative audience hich includes Barry Humphries, Cynthia Payne and Ken Livingstone, MP (r) (3414168). Ends at 1.05

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Anglia News (17827193) 1.45-2.15 A Country Practice (758483) 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters (2809464) 6.00 Home and Away (935484) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (626193) 10.30 Anglia News (838209) 10.40 Sailaway (303822) 11.10 26th Cambridge Folk Festival (273358) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (575358) 12.35am Superstars Of Wrestling (8114236) 1.15 America's Top 10 (83052) 1.45 Carry On Dick (230656) 3.25 Stage 2 (6246052) 4.25 Get Stuffed! (21671269) 4.30 Rivera (34217) 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder (58197)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.05pm Central News (17827193) 1.15 A Country Practice (653984) 1.45-2.15 Home and Away (758483) 3.20-3.50 Deepwater Haven (2321445) 5.10-5.40 Gardening Time (2809464) 6.00 *Home And Away* (935484) 6.25-7.00 Central News (943483) 10.30 Central News (838209) 10.40 Ice Pirates (60178396) 12.25am Hollywood Report (5473728) 12.55 The Little Picture Show (3544149) 1.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2792568) *2.25 America's Top 10* (6748052) 2.55 Raw Power (4452052) 3.55 Quiz Night (53315323) 4.25 Central Jobfinder (5642659) *5.20-5.30* Asian Eye (5245471)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.05pm Granada News (17827193) 1.15 A Country Practice (653984) 1.45-2.15 Home And Away (758483) 3.20-3.50 Blockbusters (2321445) 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today (2809464) 6.00 Home And Away (935484) 6.25 *Granada Tonight* (824862) 6.50-7.00 Wyatt On Wheels (808764) 10.30 Granada News (838209) 10.40 Families (193483) 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (216193) 12.35am Superstars Of Wrestling (8114236) 1.15 America's Top 10 (83052) 1.45 Carry On *Dick* (230656) *3.25 Stage 2* (6246052) 4.25 Get Stuffed! (21671269) 4.30 Riviera (34217) 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder (58197)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV News & Weather (17827193) 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (758483) 6.00 HTV News (735) 6.30-7.00 The Good Neighbour Show (777) 10.30 HTV News & Weather (838209) 10.40 Let Loose (818445) 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H (360613) 11.50 Live! The World's Greatest Stunts (461716) 12.35am Superstars Of Wrestling (8114236) 1.15 America's Top 10 (83052) 1.45 Carry On Dick (230656) 3.25 Stage 2 (6246052) 4.25 Get Stuffed! (21671269) 4.30 Riviera (34217) 5.00-5.30 *Jobfinder (58197)*

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales News & Weather (17827193) 6.00 Wales at Six (735) 6.30-7.00 Special Report (777) 10.30 HTV Wales News & Weather (838209) 10.40 Wales & Westminster (303822) 11.10 Weekend Ahead! (694223) 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (242483) 12.20am-12.35 Out Of Limits (8778149)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Meridian News and weather (17827193) 3.20-3.50 All Together Now (2321445) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (735) 6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (777) 10.30 Meridian News & Weather (838209) 10.40 The Pier (333174) *11.15 The Listings* (369280) 11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H (147984) 12.15am The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (288865) 1.15-1.35 Nite Bites (1541101) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (58197)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Westcountry Latest (17827193) 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (758483) 3.20-3.50 A Country Practice (2321445) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (29984) 10.30 Westcountry Latest (838209) 10.40 Midweek (303822) 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (141700) 12.05am My Story (2592656) 12.15 The Twilight Zone (1994149) 12.35 Superstars of Wrestling (8114236) 1.15 America's Top 10 (83052) 1.45 Carry On Dick (230656) 3.25 Stage 2 (6246052) 4.25 Get Stuffed! (21671269) 4.30 Riviera (34217) 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder (58197)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Calendar News (17827193) 5.55 Calendar News (353087) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (777) 10.30 Calendar News (838209) 10.40 The Twilight Zone (303822) 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (141700) 12.05am Day Of The Wolves (815304) 1.50 America's Top 10 (2793217) 2.20 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8749781) 2.50 Film: The Break in the Circle (Forrest Tucker, Eva Bartok) (255526) 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder (8022120)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (12367) 9.00 Saved By The Bell (5442700) 9.25 Sandokan (5534735) 9.50 Batman And Robin (6018071) 10.15 Once Upon A Time...Space (9569261) 10.35 Kideo (6726822) 11.00 The Adventures Of Tintin (7803) 11.30 Rhino Christmas (8532) 12.00pm The Parliament Programme (93071) 12.30 Slot Meithrin (15735) 1.00 Sesame Street (93290) 2.00 Anna Christie (876358) 3.40 Yours Sincerely (5112396) 4.00 The Christians (1483) 5.00 Countdown (8984) 5.30 Jeifn (464) 6.00 Newyddion (300754) 6.10 Heno (737648) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (1648) 7.30 O'r Fedwen I'r Farf (613) 8.00 Y Sioe Fawr (2416) 8.30 Newyddion (416829) 8.55 Minafon (297551) 9.40 Tour De France (502498) 10.10 Swig O'r Tethe (613919) 10.40 Runaway Father (60178938) 12.25am Moments Of Crisis (1778110)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (16861025) 8.40 Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (3576071) 9.10 Cartoons (8628193) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (60209) 10.00 Card Sharks (5307700) 10.25 Concentration (8665716) 10.50 Dynamo Duck (2100919) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (55938) 12.00 E Street (13803) 12.30pm Three's Company (64025) 1.00 Falcon Crest (52280) 2.00 Captains and the Kings (20754) *3.00 Another World (7930174) 3.45 The DJ* Kat Show (5868735) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (9209) 6.00 Games World (9551) 6.30 E Street (3713) 7.00 Rescue (4496) 7.30 Full House (6087) 8.00 Eddie Dodd (95919) 9.00 Chances (74103) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (57922) 11.00-12.00 The Streets of San Francisco (36803)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (27716) 6.30 News and Business Report (354866) 9.30 Talkback (22803) 10.30 Beyond 2000 (13667) 11.30 International Business Report (24551) 12.30pm News and Business Report (17483) 1.30 CBS This Morning (12984) 2.30 *Parliament Live* (3653545) *3.15 Parliament* Live (2654396) 4.30 News and Business Report (3700) 5.00 Live at Five (640358) 7.30 *Financial Times* Reports (4629) 9.30 Talkback (32209) 11.30 CBS News (28613) 12.30am *Financial Times* Reports (56014) *1.30 CBS News (49507) 2.30 Beyond 2000* (55217) 3.30 CBS News (50762) 4.30 *Financial Times* Reports (83439) 5.30-6.00 CBS News (65052)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2712454)
10.00 Krull (1983): Fantasy with Ken Marshall and Lysette Anthony (82613)
12.00 Hour of the Gun (1967): James Garner stars as Wyatt Earp (30759)
2.00pm Hostile Guns (1967): Marshal George Montgomery transports four criminals to jail (410716)
3.40 The Secret of Santa Vittoria (1969): Comedy about an Italian village that hides its wine from the Nazis (23529209)
6.00 Krull (as 10am) (89358)
8.00 El Diablo (1991): Wild west schoolteacher Anthony Edwards sets out to rescue a kidnapped pupil (84803)
10.00 F/X2 — The Deadly Art of Illusion (1991): Special-effects expert Bryan Brown is *framed for murder (425990)*
11.50 The Perfect Weapon (1991): Martial arts adventure with Jeff Speakman (484629)
1.15am Sher Mountain Killings Mystery (1990): Five siblings discover a gem with a supernatural force (7999856)
2.40 Cobra (1986): Sylvester Stallone rescues Brigitte Nielsen from a gang of bikers (506033)
4.20 She's Out of Control (1989): Tony Danza's teenage daughter Ami Dolenz discovers boys (312946). Ends at 6.00

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm A Farewell to Arms (1957). Ambulance driver Rock Hudson falls in love with nurse Jennifer Jones (742700)
8.30 The Trouble with Harry (1955): A corpse refuses to stay buried (41840445)
10.10 Last Embrace (1979): Roy Scheider thinks that someone is trying to kill him (247209). Ends at 11.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am *The Cockleshell Heroes* (1955). A second world war task force penetrates enemy territory in canoes (87396)
8.00 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (1987): Cartoon (19648)
10.00 Casanova Brown (1944, b/w): *Comedy with Gary Cooper and Teresa* Wright (66483)
12.00 High Flight (1958): Ray Milland trains RAF cadets (29071)
2.00pm Abbott and Costello in the Foreign Legion (1950, b/w): Comedy with *Bud and Lou* (90464)
4.00 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (as 8am) (35829532)
5.45 Treasure Island (1989): Charlton Heston stars as Long John Silver (97017803)
8.00 Necessary Roughness (1992): Comedy about a college football team (82445)
10.00 The People Under the Stairs (1991). Brandon Adams is trapped inside a house of horrors (432280)
11.45 Bullseye! (1991). Michael Caine and Roger Moore steal a scientific formula. With Sally Kirkland (687808)
1.20am The Seven Per Cent Solution (1976): Sherlock Holmes meets Sigmund Freud. With Nicol Williamson (646033)
3.15 The Other Side of Love (1991): Cheryl Ladd is framed and sentenced to 15 years in jail (70091656). Ends at 6.00

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (45087) 7.00 Watersports World (75984) 8.00 Ladies Golf *(78613) 9.00 Prime Bodies (83261)* 9.30 Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (94261) 11.30 The Footballers' Football Show (51629) 12.30pm Rugby League Queensland v New South Wales (23613) 2.30 Cycling: Tour Dupont (2602) 3.00 Asian *Open Snooker (42261)* 5.00 ATP Tennis (2174) 5.30 Fishing the West (1938) 6.00 Wrestling (39938) 7.00 Uefa U-18 Football. England v Spain (280990) 9.30 British Motorsport (52358) 10.30 FIA Rally (28754) 11.30 European League Round-Up (60613) 12.30am Uefa U-18 Football (52897) 2.30-3.00 Cycling: Tour Dupont (65859)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (91700) 8.00 European Golf (74209) 9.00 Cycling: Tour de France Highlights (85629) 9.30 Live Cycling: Tour de France (2027957) 3.30 Tennis: Mercedes Cup (559532) 6.00 Mountain Bike World Cup (3919) 6.30 Eurosport News (4071) 7.00 Tennis: Federation Cup (72629) 9.00 Cycling: Tour de France (48071) 10.00 Boxing (21358) 11.00 Kick Boxing (98613) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News (90679)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (8111483) 7.30 Neighbours (8190980) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (2022193) 8.30 *EastEnders* (2021464) 9.00 The Bill (2012716) 9.30 The Onedin Line (7435532) 10.30 Juliet Bravo (4746464) 11.30 Happy Ever After (3253454) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (2025280) 12.30pm Neighbours (9889990) 1.00 EastEnders (8110754) 1.30 The Bill (9886261) 2.00 'Allo 'Allo! (2184629) 2.30 Three Up, Two Down (5069087) 3.00 Dallas (3257280) 4.00 Dynasty (3243087) 5.00 Blankety Blank (2118209) 5.30 Give Us a Clue (5063803) 6.00 Neighbours (5060716) 6.30 The Onedin Line (6303648) 7.30 'Allo 'Allo! (5073280) 8.00 EastEnders (2107193) 8.30 Three Up, Two Down (2013700) 9.00 Juliet Bravo (9582993) 10.00 The Bill (2033209) 10.30 Carrot's Lib (2019629) 11.00 Top of the Pops (3816280) 11.50 Dr Who (3270938) 12.20-2.00am Film: Night of Dark Shadows (1971) starring David Selby (2352323)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (88377) 7.00 Radian II (53193) 9.00 Summer Holiday Specials (721822) 11.30 Say Ahhh! (43006) 12.00 *You Can't Do That on Television (75754)* 1.00pm Summer Holiday Specials (27795) 2.30 Say Ahhh! (2844) 3.00 Babar (2012445) 3.25 Ratkan II (50786629) 6.00 Fifteen (2716) 5.30 Saved by the Bell (4280) 6.00-7.00 Fame (71938)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: The Abermule Disaster
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew Lyle, including Sibelius (The Oceanides: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle); Falla (Harpsichord Concerto: Raphael Puyana and Ensemble); Josef Strauss (Sphärenklänge: Vienna PO *under Herbert von Karajan*); Liszt (Les Préludes: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Bernard Haitink)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Rameau. Les Sauvages; Le rappel des oiseaux; La villageoise; Les tourbillons (Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord); Acte de ballet, Pygmalion (Chorus and Orchestra of Les *Arts Florissants under William* Christie, with Howard Crook in the title role)
10.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy *Maksymiuk performs* Mendelssohn (Overture, Ruy Blas); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D; Kurt Nikkanen); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E *minor, From the New World*)
11.35 Prom Artist of the Week: Peter Donohoe, piano, plays Britten (Diversions for piano, left hand, and orchestra: City *of Birmingham Symphony* Orchestra under Simon Rattle)
12.00 Hausmusik performs Spohr (Double Quartet in D minor, Op 65); Mendelssohn (Octet in *E flat, Op 20*) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 The Incomparable Signor Corelli. In the first of five programmes, Ensemble 415 *performs a selection of* Corelli's sonatas and the complete *Concerti da chiesa*
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. The first *afternoon's* play of the fourth Test from Headingley. Commentary by Brian Johnston, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. Expert comment from Fred Trueman and Vic Marks. The scorer is Bill Frindall. During the tea interval at 3.45-4.00 Simon Hughes discusses the cricket season with Nick Cook, Graeme Fowler and Mark Nicholas
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.30 Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, London, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Mark Elder performs Weber (Overture, *Euryanthe*); *Beethoven* (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat: Dmitri Alexeev). 8.15 My Persecuted Step-Child: See Choice. 8.35 Mahler (Symphony No 4 in G: Amanda Roocroft, soprano)
9.40 Four Stories by Gabriel García Márquez: The Handsomest Drowned Man in the World. David Horovitch *reads a translation* by Gregory Rabassa (r)
10.00 New Tango, played by Astor Piazzolla; bandoneon, and the New Tango Quintet
10.15 Hawk Stalks: The fourth of six programmes on the saxophonist Coleman Hawkins. With Ron Geesin (r)
10.45 A Southern Myth — Romance of Reality? Frank Smith examines the political and economic future of Andalusia in Spain (r)
11.30 Luigi Rossi: Tragicomedia under Stephen Stubbs performs Fan battaglia; Infelice pensier; Corrente; Disperate speranze; Sarabande; Balletto; Noi siam tre donzellette semplicette 12.30am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze, chaired by Michael Buerk
9.15 Hearing Voices, Seeing Things: From Your Own Correspondent. Martyn Wiley goes to everyday places to meet everyday people and to reflect on his past
10.00-10.30 The House (FM only): Christopher Lee's political drama (final part)
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Joshua. Read by Leo McKern (1/4)
10.30 Woman's Hour meets Derek Bentley's sister, Iris, who talks about fighting for justice; looks at follies and unusual usages for vinegar; and listens to singers from Bulgaria. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Slightly Foxed: Gill Pyrah chairs the literary quiz. The panellists are Geoff McGivern, Peter Walker, Roy Hattersley, MP, and Anne Victoria Roberts *12.55 Weather*
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; The Betrayer/The Last Seed: Two linked plays by C.M. Williams chart the voyage in 1492 of the cargo and crew of the Santa Maria from the old world to the new. With Cecilia Noble, Clarence Smith, Victor Romero Evans
3.00-4.00 Against the Grain (FM only): "Giving to the Third World is selfish": Ann Marie Hourihane awaits listeners calls on 071-580 4444
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *Misha's Party* at the Barbican; and talks to Billy Roche about his play, *The Cavalcaders*, at the Peacock Theatre in Dublin
4.45 Short Story: Doom, by James Howard Kunstler
5.00 PM *5.50 Shipping Forecast* 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World: The Future. New Age *comedy with Stewart Lee and* Richard Herring
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 On the Road Again: See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Off with Their Heads. In the last in the series, David Walker asks if Britain's suspicion of big ideas results in political and cultural *mediocrity*
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Presented by Ted Harrison. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Mark Gregory 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Three Strangers, by Thomas Hardy. Read by George Ralstrick
11.00 Tales from the Arabian Nights: The Three Suitors. With Derek Jacobi as the King, Carolyn Backhouse as Shahrazad and Rachel Atkins as Jamilla (3/7)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

On the Road Again. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
Simon Dring's odyssey through the Pakistan he last visited 30 years ago is as much philosophical as physical. The western overlanders in adventure lorries whose trails he constantly crosses are not inhibited by his microphone. They shed tears when leave-taking time arrives, and readily admit that while foreign travel may broaden the mind, it does not always stir the spirit. The programme has an Indian postscript that intellectually presages next week's final episode.

Proms. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*
The inclusion of Mahler's Symphony No 4 in tonight's Prom is justification — if justification were needed — for Radio 3 to re-broadcast Richard Osborne's interval talk at 8.15. He calls it *My Persecuted Step-Child*, adopting words Mahler himself used about the symphony. The history of music-making is full of examples of how the public has drastically amended its responses to what it listens to. In the early 1900s, the No 4 was generally reviled. Nowadays, it takes only a few opening bars of sleighbells and flutes to turn us into a captive audience. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 11.00 1FM Summer Roadshow: Gary Davies from the Boating Lake Paddock, Cleethorpes 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jakki Brambles 3.00 *Steve Wright in the Afternoon 6.00 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 8.30 Antique Records* Roadshow 9.00 The Guest List: Featuring live music from Kim Deal 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
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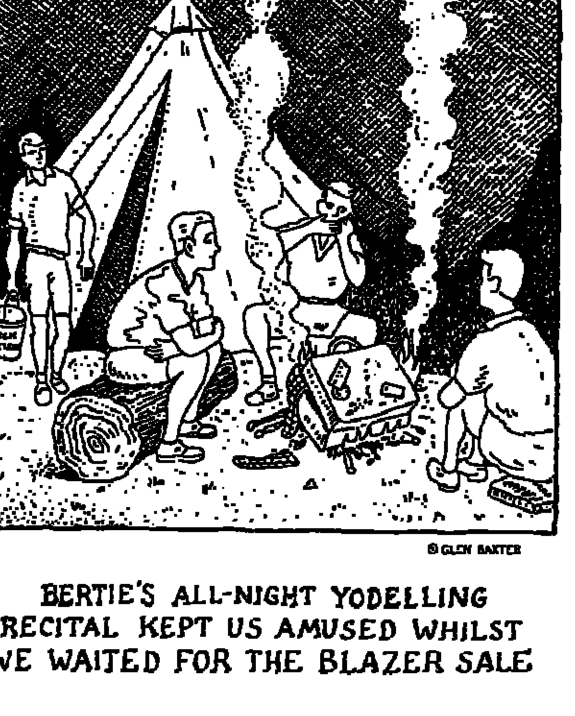

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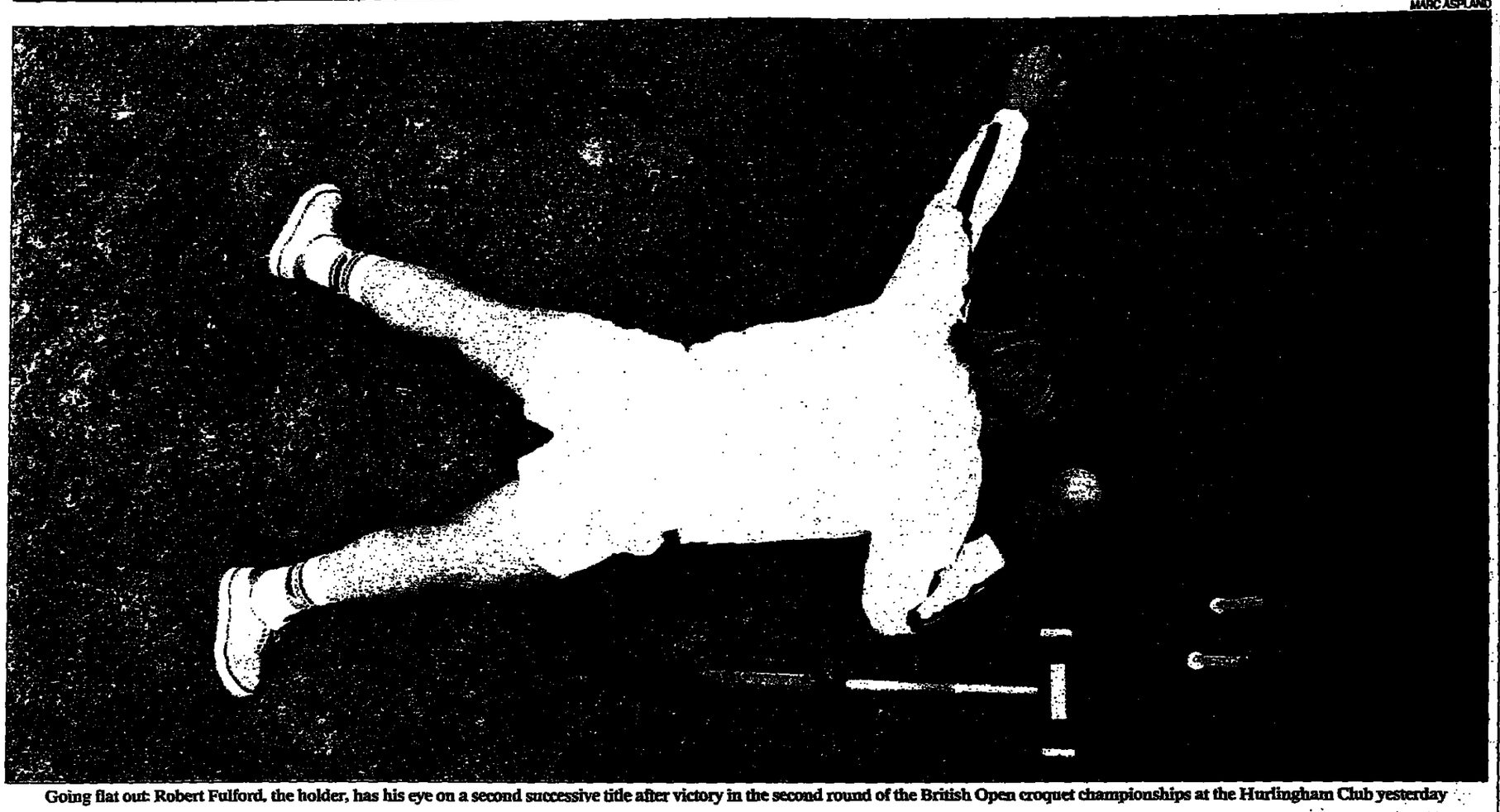

Going flat out: Robert Fulford, the holder, has his eye on a second successive title after victory in the second round of the British Open croquet championships at the Hurlingham Club yesterday

Gooch stands at point of no return

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE abiding ambition of Graham Gooch's cricketing *middle age, to regain the* Ashes, could effectively perish even before he turns 40 tomorrow but, because this fourth Cornhill Test match is at Headingley, any, even the most outlandish, outcome is plausible.

The situation is critical. If England do not win here, Australia retain the Ashes. Given this unforgiving scenario, Gooch was yesterday more relaxed than one might have *thought possible before a* match on which his leadership may come to be judged.

He cheerfully conceded that he had never envisaged playing Test cricket at his time of life. "In 1987 I didn't even think I'd be playing the following year," he said. What Gooch wisely declined to do was speculate on the consequences of defeat. "All my thoughts are channelled into winning this game and keeping the Ashes alive."

As usual, the focus of attention on pre-match day at Headingley was the pitch and the England captain was not amused to find himself staring at a different strip of turf from the one on which West Indies and Pakistan have been beaten in the past two summers. "They've dug it up," he exclaimed, with an indignant arch of the eyebrows. "We win on it two years running, so they dig it up. Don't ask me why, but I'm not happy about it."

The official reason is that the umpires marked last year's surface "below average" and Yorkshire, sensitive on this subject and fearful that their ground's Test status might be threatened, decided to take pre-emptive action. By so doing, they have already cost England and their captain a psychological advantage; one hopes they have not neutralised the peculiar attraction of their Test.

The risk is probably small. Allan Border, the Australia captain, certainly thinks so. "Our attitude is that there is going to be a result," he said. "Someone is going to win here, and it might as well be us."

Although the texture of Keith Boyce's pitch, and its orthodox straw colour, hints at no evils, neither captain is taken in. It has been used for only one first-class game, in which a Gooch-less Essex were beaten by an innings last June, and Border said: "It does look a good pitch, harder than I remember it. But so much here depends on the overhead conditions. If it was overcast in the morning, then, given the history of the place, it might be tempting to bowl first."

Gooch, too, will not rule out putting in his opponents if he wins the toss, saying: "You can never be sure, here, whether batting or bowling first is the right thing. What is certain is that, whatever you do, you have to do it well. You don't go out there thinking you're going to be hitting the ball in the middle of the bat all day. You need luck and application. It's a ground on which you have to graft for runs."

He speaks from fulfilling experience. Centuries by Gooch, passionate in their commitment and immaculate of technique, were largely responsible for the recent victories here. But yesterday, the realist in him put even that into perspective. "It's only been the last two years," he said. "Up to that point, I'd barely made a run here."

Apart from his responsibilities with the bat, which he will again discharge from the No 5 position while Mark Lathwell continues his apprenticeship as a Test opener, Gooch will have a role as a bowler here. Nobody in the side swings the ball more and this is a ground on which it does not matter that his is a middle-aged sort of speed. "It's not the pace you bowl that matters here, it's where you put the ball," he said.

Gooch will be the fifth bowler in a side again containing seven batsmen. Who will be the fourth, however, remained open to question last night and only Andy Caddick, of the specialists, could feel certain of playing. "We have to decide whether a fourth seamer will get more wickets than a spinner," Gooch said.

The oft-quoted fact that no England spin bowler has taken a wicket here since 1987 is misleading, in that virtually no spin has been bowled since then. But Mushtaq Ahmed of Pakistan took five wickets last year and Australia are not only playing their own leg spinner, Shane Warne, but probably a second slow bowler in Tim May.

This was no more than a possibility until yesterday, when Brendon Julian broke down in training with a strained groin. Paul Reiffel, whose bowling style should be well suited, will now take the new ball with a fully recovered Merv Hughes.

The Yorkshire public has not always supported its Test match, especially when its county is unrepresented in the England team, but this year is different. Tickets for tomorrow and Saturday are sold out and only 3,000 remain for today.

Income is expected to top £1 million for the first time and all present will hope that the bookmakers are taking an unreasonably grim view of the weather forecast in making the draw favourite. The last time a Leeds Test was drawn, rather than rain-ruined, was as long ago as 1968, when Ted Dexter was still playing and a small, shuffling figure from Essex made his England debut and was out for nought. Today, 25 years on, Keith Fletcher is back, plotting his first Test win as England manager.

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (captain), M N Lathwell, M A Atherton, R A Smith, A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, N Hussain, A R Caddick, M J McCague, M C Ilott, P M Such, M P Bicknell.

AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (captain), M A Taylor, M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, I A Healy, M G Hughes, S K Warne, P R Reiffel, T B A May, B P Julian.

Umpires: H D Bird and N T Plews. Replay umpire: B Leadbeater.

Match referee: C H Lloyd.

IN RECENT years, Test cricket at Headingley has provided about as stern an examination of a batsman's technique and temperament as any ground in the world, the dice being loaded heavily in favour of seam bowlers (Simon Wilde writes). In the last two Tests there, only Gooch and Atherton, of England, Richards and Richardson, of West Indies, and Salim Malik, of Pakistan, scored over 65.

Matches have been won not by bowlers bowling as they should but by batsmen batting beyond expectations. In that regard, the experience of the 1989 match, when several Australians playing today got runs in the total of 601, ought to be of little consequence. Of course, few of the England party have played in a Headingley Test before. Only Gooch, Atherton, Stewart and Smith know of the risks of batting there. In his first 11 Test innings there, Gooch made seven single-figure scores.

ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA AT HEADINGLEY: Results: Of 20 matches, England have won six, Australia six and there have been eight draws. Records (England first): Highest totals: 533 (1985), 671-7 dec (1968). Lowest totals: 67 (1909), 103 (1977). Highest innings: 191 G Boycott (1977), 334 D G Bradman (1930). Best bowling: 8-43 R G D Willis (1981), 7-68 C G Macartney (1909).

Bernès stands firm in bribes case

BY KEITH POKE

JEAN-PIERRE Bernès, the man at the centre of the alleged French football bribes scandal, was still protesting his innocence after the first day of a hearing which could determine whether Marseilles will be allowed to defend the European Cup next season.

Hundreds of journalists and onlookers besieged a judge's chambers in Valenciennes yesterday as Bernès, the Marseilles general secretary, was driven from the prison hospital where he has been detained for a fortnight to come face to face with the four players who have accused him of masterminding an attempt to fix a league match on May 20.

"He did not budge one iota," Jean-Louis Pelletier, his lawyer, said when Bernès left four hours later.

Bernard Beffy, the investigating magistrate, heard evidence from Jean-Jacques Eydelie, the Marseilles midfield player, who claims Bernès asked him to hand over a Fr250,000 (about £29,000) bribe to fix the match between Marseilles and Valenciennes.

Also present were the Valenciennes players, Christophe Robert and Jorge Burruchaga, who admit accepting the money which they say Bernès offered them in a telephone coversation, and Jacques Glassman, the Valenciennes defender who told the referee of the allegations. Robert's wife, Marie-Christine, who admits collecting the money, was also there.

In spite of their testimony, Pelletier said there was no evidence against Bernès and he would now press for his client's release from custody.

Sepp Blatter, general secretary of the world governing body, Fifa, had said on Sunday that should Bernès admit his involvement, Marseilles would be immediately barred from defending the trophy they won on May 26 by beating AC Milan in Munich. Yesterday, however, Blatter said he had been misrepresented and that it would be up to the French football authorities to take action first.

"The possible suspension of Marseilles from the European Cup does not depend on us," Blatter said. "We suspend a club only if it is suspended by its own federation."

It never rains but it pours in luckless Kandy

Imran Khan: vain try

BY SIMON WILDE

IF IT rains during the fourth Test match, which begins at Headingley today, the crowd might spare a thought for the public of Kandy before they start throwing their cushions on to the outfield. In Sri Lanka, they have been trying for four days to play a Test match with India, and so far have seen just 50 minutes of play. If rain washes out the final day today, it will equal the record for the shortest Test match (there have been 1,226 of them) ever to have got under way.

Umbrellas are as much a part of life in Sri Lanka as they are in England because, depending on the season, they are needed for protection from either the sun or the rain. And, now, the umbrella points are out for the men of the Sri Lankan Cricket Board because it is now the rainy season in Kandy, and locals say the board should have known better than to arrange a Test match there.

Yesterday, *The Island*, the Kandy newspaper, launched an attack. "The Cricket Association should have known better," Hafiz Marikar wrote. "Don't blame the weather. Why was the first Test given to Kandy when it was known the weather would wreak havoc? Even the ordinary man was able to predict the weather. Why didn't the cricket board consult the meterological department or an astrologer, as all good politicians do, before scheduling such a match in July." A cricket administrator being pointed towards astrology? Maybe Ted Dexter had something after all.

The writer added: "Even if you don't believe in science and hocus pocus, the mandarins of the cricket board must be aware that it is the rainy season in Kandy."

The Sri Lankan embassy in London said yesterday that the monsoons in Kandy begin in April, and do not end officially until tomorrow. But Neil Perera, secretary of the Sri Lankan board, yesterday defended its scheduling and said that he had studied the weather conditions before India's itinerary was arranged. He would have to admit, though, that the board's track record is hardly up to Test-match standard. The same thing happened only last September, when the monsoon washed away more than 15 hours of play in two of Australia's Test matches in the Colombo region.

The Sri Lankan board is not alone. A few years ago, Imran Khan suggested in vain that the Pakistan board ought to stop staging international matches in their rainy season, while England have, over a century, spurned the meteorological department and staged Test matches at Old Trafford. Kandy may have struck it wet just now, but Manchester has suffered 28 blank days.

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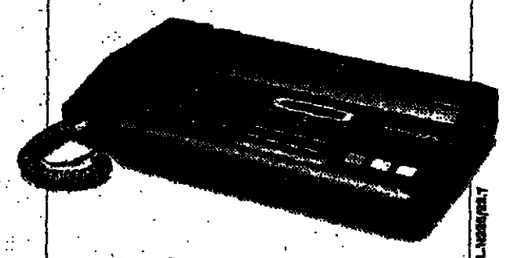

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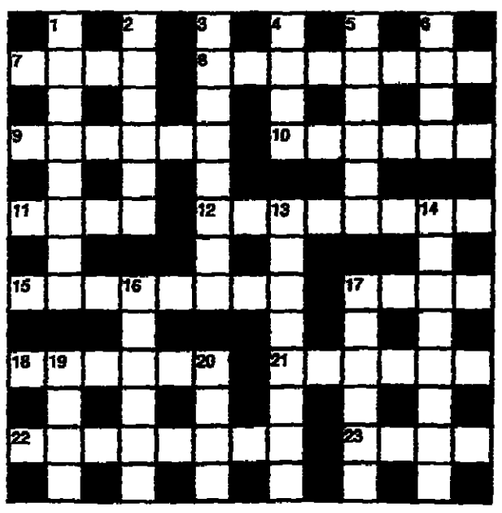

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15 Apple brandy (8)
17 Quick (4)
18 Punishment frame (6)
21 King's son (6)
22 Fruitless yearning (4,4)
23 Suspended (4)

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1 Jewish dispersion (8)
2 Amylum (6)
3 Excellent (4,4)
4 Savage (4)
5 Prayer beads (6)
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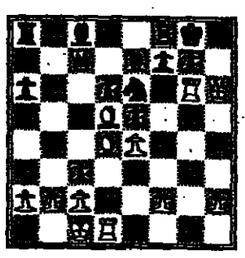

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By Philip Howard

PANCHAMA
a. A route to Nirvana
b. A tribal corroboree
c. A pariah

TAOVALA
a. A Tongan waistband
b. A tea ceremony
c. A burial hymn

BOTTEGA
a. A leather wineskin
b. A family trust
c. An artist's workshop

KULA
a. Ceremonial trade
b. Voracious greed
c. The female pudendum

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